

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

New Approach

BETWEEN their attacks against the Western powers in general and British "colonialism" in particular, the Soviet leaders now touring India and Burma have interjected references to disarmament. Nothing they have said, however, holds out hope for a more pliable approach by the Russians to this complicated problem.

Messrs Bulganin and Krushchev are of the opinion that disarmament should be discussed by the great powers. But what else have they been doing during the last nine long years? And the net result to date? Stalemate.

So far there is an agreement in principle that disarmament is desirable. At times Russia and the West have given the appearance of being in sight of even more practicable agreement. But whenever this has happened discussions have been stymied by the single question of international control and inspection.

Some of the Soviet proposals are well enough conceived; i.e., the reduction of armies to definite levels; renunciation of the use of atomic or nuclear weapons and cessation of their manufacture; the destruction of existing stocks. But when it has come to the question of inspection by an international control agency to ensure that such a programme is being honestly carried out, the Russians have balked.

IT is essentially because the Soviets will have no truck with the inspection proposals that the Western powers feel there is no guarantee that the Kremlin disarmament programme will be carried out by countries behind the Iron Curtain. This doubt is emphasised by the fact that the strength of the armed forces of all Communist countries remains a closely guarded State secret which the Russians will not even disclose in private meetings of the UN Disarmament Commission.

What then is to be done? The Russians will not agree to inspection, and control over the whole field of disarmament is admittedly difficult; without unfettered inspection impossible. This is the real dilemma.

IT is becoming apparent that a comprehensive world disarmament scheme presents too many difficulties. The Western powers have begun to acknowledge this and they have been trying to interest Russia in the idea of tackling the problem in a more modest way. The suggestion is that firstly the great powers should agree on what could be controlled, and then to control it.

Admittedly this would not be sufficient in itself, but it offers a practical start, and if it could be accomplished, that very fact would engender confidence which would make further steps possible.

Britain's latest proposals before the UN Disarmament Commission typifies the new Western approach to the problem. They call for a plan for such disarmament that can be safely carried out in the immediate future, and a system of control to support the scheme at every stage.

Sir Anthony Eden has put it to the Russians in this way: let them lower their sights for the time being and examine first how much disarmament is immediately practicable. That might look less ambitious, but it is more realistic, and it certainly holds out better prospects of getting quicker action.

BRITISH MINISTERS HIT BACK AT KRUSHCHEV 'YOU TALK CHILDISH NONSENSE' Nutting And Selwyn Lloyd Follow Churchill's Lead

Two British cabinet ministers followed up Sir Winston Churchill's criticism of Mr Nikita Krushchev yesterday. One—Mr Anthony Nutting—said he was talking "childish nonsense". Another—Mr Selwyn Lloyd—said his speeches "do not sound like those of one who is genuinely seeking to lessen international tension."

IN NEW YORK:

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Anthony Nutting said Soviet abuse of the Western powers—such as 'Britain regards you as savages'—was childish nonsense.

He added that it was not very flattering to their Asian audience.

Mr Nutting made the comment in a review of foreign affairs to the Pilgrim Society, a private organisation devoted to furthering ties between Britain and the United States.

Declaring that the Communists were launching an offensive in the grand manner in the Far East, Southeast Asia and the Middle East, Mr Nutting said Communist blandishments—such as "you stay neutral and we'll be on your side"—were accompanied by abuse of the Western powers.

As an example of this abuse he quoted: "Britain and

France started the last war. America will start the next. Britain regards you as savages. Get rid of the colonialist imperialist war-mongers."

Not Very Flattering

"To say the least of it this kind of childish nonsense is not very flattering to the intelligence of their Asian audience."

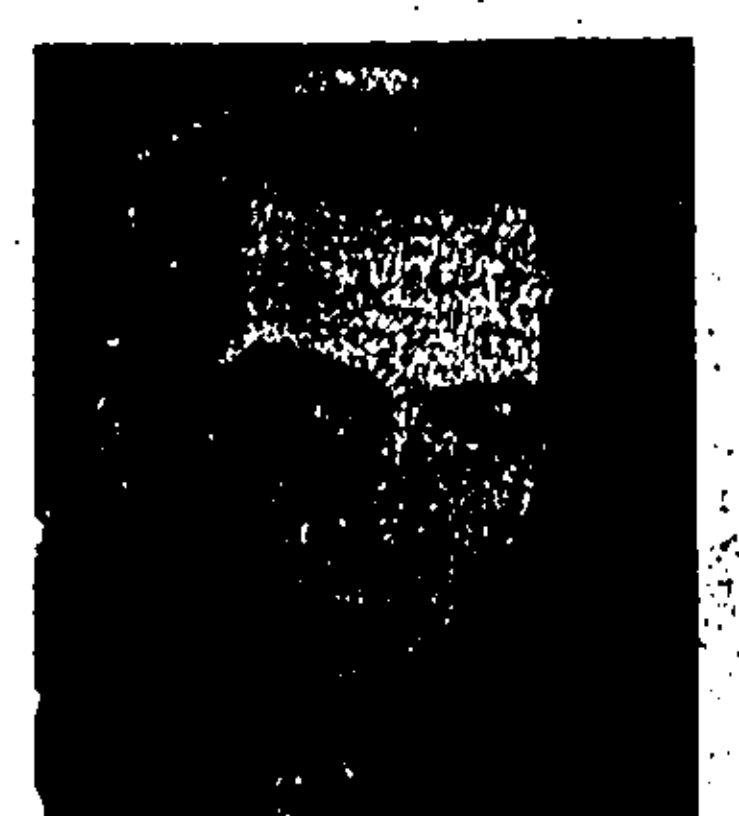
The examples of abuse cited by Mr Nutting have been attributed to Mr Nikita Krushchev, the Soviet Communist party leader, and Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Premier, in press dispatches from India and Burma during their current

Asian tour. Mr Nutting did not mention them by name. Mr Nutting expressed the hope that "some who think that they can steer their ship just close enough to the Communist breeze and get just enough wind to sail on with independence" would "change their course before it is too late and the wind has blown their ship aground."

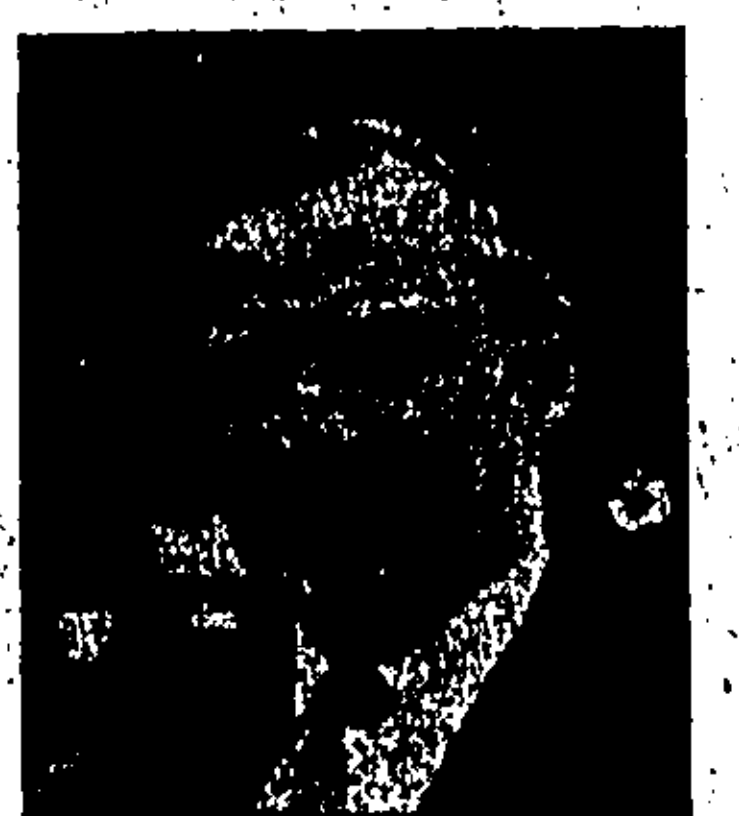
IN GREENOCK:

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of Defence, said the recent speeches in India and Burma by Mr Krushchev, "do not sound like the speeches of one who is genuinely seeking to lessen international tension."

★ AND THE TWO MINISTERS—



Mr Nutting



Mr Selwyn Lloyd

Russia Warns Two US Correspondents 'GROSS DISTORTIONS' COMPLAINT

Moscow, Dec. 5. The Moscow correspondents of the American news agency Associated Press and the New York Times were today invited to the Soviet Foreign Ministry press department and warned about recent reports transmitted by them, according to the Soviet news agency Tass.

The head of the Foreign Ministry's press department, Mr Leonid Ilyichev, complained to the correspondents of "gross distortions" in their reports of the recent decree of the Communist Party and the Soviet Council of Ministers regarding building, Tass added.

The agency said that Mr Ilyichev had invited the correspondents, Mr Richard O'Malley and Mr Welles Hungen, separately.

They were told "their messages from Moscow regarding the decree had contained gross distortions" which led to the appearance in the American press and on the American radio of lying reports which contained gross attacks on and insults of certain members of the Soviet delegation of builders who were at that time in the United States.

'Printed An Invention'

"This was especially true in the case of the President of the Academy of Architecture and Building, A.V. Vlasov. 'The American papers printed the invention that A.V. Vlasov had been deprived of his honours and awards and was no longer employed, Mr Ilyichev said.

"Such behaviour is incompatible with a normal situation and only compromises the correspondents of American agencies and papers."

The correspondents were told that a repetition of such offences was not to be tolerated and they were warned that if, in the future, this should happen, the Soviet authorities would in their turn take "corresponding steps," the agency said.

An official Soviet decree last month criticised Mr Vlasov and other Russian architects for "architectural excesses."

Mr Vlasov was re-elected to the board of the Union of Soviet Architects at a Union congress in Moscow last week—Reuter.

14 BURIED BY AVALANCHE

Saltburg, Dec. 5. A roaring avalanche thundered down on a power station crew near Saltburg today burying 14 workers. Seven bodies were recovered immediately together with three seriously injured men. More than 300 fellow workers, led by Alpine rescue squads and five avalanche dogs, dug in to the rock and snow to search for the four missing men.

This winter's first Austrian avalanche catastrophe occurred at the Kaprun water power station project—United Press.

Terrorists Sneak Past Guards

Nicosia, Dec. 5. Terrorists sneaked into the barbed wire compound of one of the most heavily guarded government buildings in Cyprus tonight to explode a bomb. The blast ripped the headquarters of the British District Commissioner, but no casualties were reported.

It wrecked the office of Commissioner Mr Martin Clemens, which was unoccupied at the time. British soldiers cordoned off the area and reinforced the already heavy guard—United Press.

Buster Keaton Seriously Ill

Hollywood, Dec. 5. Buster Keaton, famous silent comedian of the silent films, is critically ill with a stomach hemorrhage in the Los Angeles Veterans Hospital, a hospital spokesman said today. Mr Keaton, who is 60, was sent to hospital on Saturday and has since passed into a coma several times—France Press.

Film Gave Them An Idea

Montevideo, Dec. 5. Two boys, aged 10 and 13, admitted to police today they stole 140 sticks of dynamite from a quarry because they wanted to blow up a bridge in the centre of the city, as they had seen American soldiers do in a film about the Korean War—United Press.

LATEST OF SOVIET WONDERS

Now A Train That Rolls On Balls

London, Dec. 5. A Russian has invented a train without wheels. Moscow Radio said today. It rolls along on balls, the broadcast said. The announcement said: "The train looks like a large sign. It does not make a noise like an ordinary train because there are no wheels. Instead of rails there is a recessed channel in the ground."

Tension In Moroccan Capital TWO KILLED IN RABAT RIOTING

Rabat, Dec. 5. Gunfire crackled and big shops blazed in the narrow streets of the native quarter of Rabat today in a bloody anti-European riot. Two Moroccans were killed and five others seriously wounded.

Crowds attending the Moroccan quarter funeral of a murdered Moroccan taxi driver went wild when a rumour spread that Europeans had slashed his throat.

As Moroccan police rushed into the quarter to restore order, gunfire broke out from the crowd. The police returned the shots. When the street fighting grew worse, European and Moroccan shopkeepers alike closed down their shutters. The crowd put the torch to at least two big shops. They were burnt to the ground.

PLANS DIFFER

New riots flared as Morocco's two leading parties split on plans to form the country's first modern government.

The divergences between the two leading nationalist groups threatened today to delay Premier-designate Si Bekkal's plans in forming Morocco's first independent Government by tonight or early tomorrow morning.

But Si Bekkal remained confident he would overcome the difficulties springing from the rivalry between the Istiqlal (Independence) and the De-

MAN LYNCHED

And the Istiqlal congress wound up early this morning by maintaining its demand of at least 45 per cent of the Cabinet seats on Si Bekkal's team.

The congress also decided the party should refuse to participate if it were refused certain key ministries. The Istiqlal which claims to have more followers than the PDI especially demands the vital Interior Ministry.

The third condition put forward by the congress called for full freedom from France and abrogation of the 1912 protectorate treaty. Negotiations with France should be conducted "on the basis of full equality," the Istiqlal motion said.

The PDI rejects the Istiqlal's demand for 45 per cent of the portfolios. The PDI claims one-third should go to the PDI, one-third to the Independents and one-third to the Istiqlal.

Si Bekkal scheduled a new round of conferences with the two party leaders to win their backing and participation—United Press.

Death Sentence Quashed

Washington, Dec. 5. An American negro, Amos Reese, was today saved from the electric chair by the United States Supreme Court.

Reese, who had twice been found guilty of robbing a white woman, had his sentence quashed after the High Court found that he had been refused a lawyer until the day after he was indicted by a grand jury. The High Court also stated that Reese had not been able to witness his trial under the American Constitution as there had been no negro on the Grand Jury which had tried Reese. The Georgia State Court was ordered to grant Reese a new trial—United Press.

MR FRANCE IN BID FOR POWER

Seeks Allies From Left And Right

Paris, Dec. 5. Former Premier Pierre Mendes-France enlisted fresh allies from both left and right today for the election campaign against his old friend Premier Edgar Faure.

ALLIED WITH REDS

Several powerful left wing Socialist federations named candidates favouring close partnership with M. Mendes-France. The right wing Gaullist Party president, M. Jacques Chaban-Delmas, was touring the provinces campaigning for the former Premier.

"Mr France" was becoming leader of the opposition forces in fact as well as fancy. Tomorrow the Socialists will make the final decision on whether to ally with M. Mendes-France on a national level.

But the Socialist federations in the Gers, Sarthe, Haut Rhin and Pyrénées-Orientales departments have already named candidates supporting M. Mendes-France's fight for a leftist bloc.

Only the Hérault department federation approved, by a slender majority, a motion favouring electoral alliance with the Communists.

The two most powerful Socialist federations in the Nord and Pas-de-Calais industrial districts called on the Party National Congress to consider a nation-wide alliance with M. Mendes-France only.

The Socialist Alliance would not give M. Mendes-France full victory in most French departments. But he hopes to work out similar electoral pacts with the Union of Socialist and Democratic Resistance (UDSR) and the left wing Gaullists.

Krushchev's Promise On Cold War

Hongkong, Dec. 5. Mr Nikita Krushchev said today Russia was "not losing hope" about the possibility of disarmament, and her leaders "will put all our efforts towards liquidating the cold war."

The Soviet Communist Party chief was speaking at a Burmese military parade at the former British hill station of Mawmyi, 45 miles north-east of Mandalay.

The parade marked the end of the two-day tour of the Shan States and Upper Burma for which he and the Soviet Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, accompanied their round of talks with the Burmese Government. Mr Krushchev said that an armistice would be a first step towards peace, but that the final goal was a complete disarmament of all nations—United Press.

India Calls In American Ambassador 'Please Explain ...'

New Delhi, Dec. 5. Mr Sherman Cooper, United States Ambassador, was summoned to the Indian Foreign Ministry today and is reported to have been told of India's grave view of a joint Portuguese-American statement on Portugal's possessions in India.

According to the Press Trust of India Mr S. Dutt, Secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs, was believed to have told Mr Cooper that "there was a serious view of the statement by the American and Portuguese foreign ministers."

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PROTEST LIKELY

It was widely believed that India would make a strong protest to the United States on receiving official confirmation of the joint statement, issued on Friday.

Observers now wonder if the United States is acquiescing to Portugal's continued hold over Goa. Mr Cooper, at a Press conference in September, said his government had not taken any position in the Goa dispute. In reply to a question, he said the United States had always stood against colonialism—Reuter.

TEDDY BOY MURDERER DIED WITH A SMILE ON HIS LIPS

Auckland, Dec. 5. A 20-year-old Teddy boy killer was hanged today for murder with a smile on his lips and a wish for a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year for his executors. The youth was Albert Lawrence Black, 20, of Belfast, Northern Ireland, a Teddy boy who stabbed Alan Jacques to death last July in a quarrel over a girl.

Heavy police guards ringed the gallows when authorities received an anonymous tip

that a gang of Teddy boys from Auckland would try to rescue him. Prison authorities said Black was the calmest person they had ever executed. They said he climbed the 17 steps to the gallows unaided, and then paused to wish "everybody a happy Christmas" and a prosperous new year and many years of future happiness.

The warden said he still wore his smile even in death—United Press.

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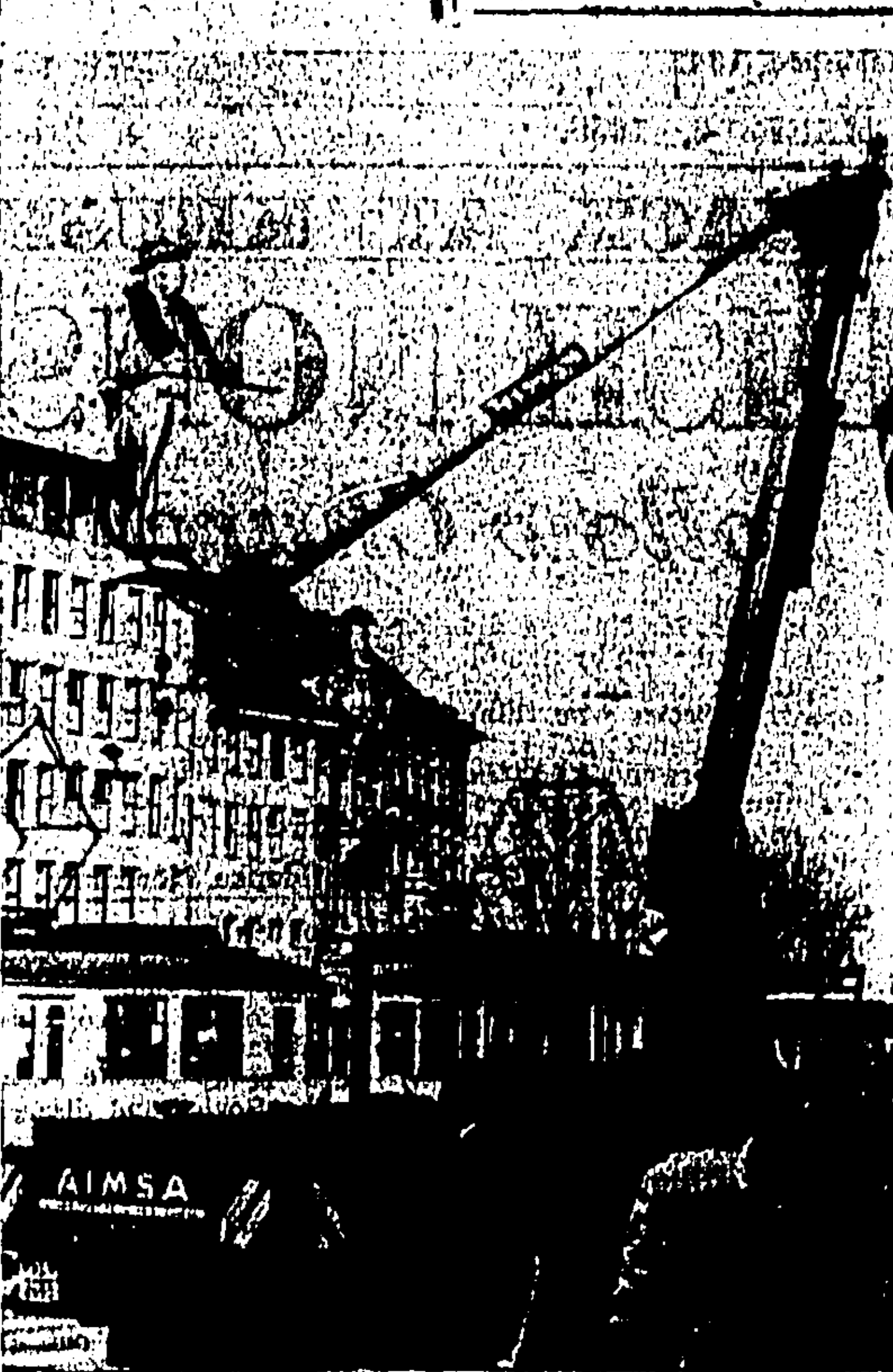
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This unusual vehicle is being used for the repair of overhead electrical apparatus—and it does so without disturbing traffic. Of US design, the "Sky Worker" can be manoeuvred in all directions up to a height of about 45 feet.—Express Photo.

SOHO FIGHT TRIAL
SUMMING UP

London, Dec. 5.

COUNSEL alleged in court here today that an 88-year-old parson, a confessed perjurer, was "quite crafty enough" to think up a scheme for making his intervention in a gangsters trial worth while.

The parson, the Reverend Basil Andrews, is key witness in the trial at the Old Bailey, Central Criminal Court here, of Morris "Molsha" Goldstein, 43, Bernard "Sonny the Yank" Schneck, 63, Peter Macdonough, 45, and Mrs Margaret Comer, 27.

All four are charged with rigging evidence to help clear self-styled underworld "king", Jack "Spot" Comer, at his trial last September. Andrews has admitted that his evidence at the trial was "a pack of lies."

Both Wounded

The accused are alleged to have bribed Andrews to concoct an eye-witness story of a knife fight in London's cosmopolitan Soho district. Jack Comer and another man, Albert Dimes, were both badly wounded in the affray, but both were found not guilty of any crime.

Public indignation erupted when no one was brought to justice for causing the brawl.

At today's hearing Mr F. Ashe Lincoln, counsel for Macdonough, said that the prosecution's case stood or fell on Andrews' evidence.

While one could not help but feel "a certain sympathy" for a man of 88 in Andrews' position, thousands of elderly people had to retire on inadequate pension, but they do not have recourse to the life the Reverend Andrews led, Mr Lincoln said.

He asked the jury if they were going to believe anything that Andrews had said, why should they not believe one of his own statements that he had given false evidence "off his own butt"? He did not.

MAJESTIC

TO-DAY

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All Indians Not Happy Over
Russian Attack
On The West

London, Dec. 5.

Authoritative sources said here today "all Indians are not happy" with all that the Soviet leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev said in India about the West.

The sources said if Prime Minister Nehru "preferred to remain silent" and left certain statements of the travelling Soviet leaders "uncorrected" it was because of the age-old Indian tradition of "never speak ill or show disrespect to your guest—whatever or whatever he may be."

During their tour of India, Bulganin and Khrushchev had accused the West of setting Hitler against Russia, preventing unification of Germany, and of colonialism.

Western embassies in India have sent to their governments lengthy reports on the Russian leaders' tour in India. It was reliably learned here.

Being Studied

The reports, which are still being studied by their respective governments have brought to light some interesting facts, informed sources said.

These sources said the reports showed that while Nehru did agree with the Russian leaders on major portions of their statements on colonialism, he disliked the truth to be told so "bluntly and crudely." Mr Nehru, of course, was angered at the West's silence over the Portuguese enclave of Goa the sources said. He expected the West to be "just and impartial" on this matter.

Mr Nehru, the Western reports were said to stress, was also unhappy over the Communist bosses choosing India as a platform. He is a believer in the policy of non-interference. He wants India "to remain neutral, aloof from party politics, while at the same time contributing his best for the world peace."

Strange Men

A majority of the Western envoys is reported to have unanimously agreed that the Russians were given an "impressive" welcome. The exuberant welcome was more curiosity to see the "mysterious visitors" from an "Iron Curtain" country than to hear them speak on Russian policy, one envoy's review is reported to have said.

Indians had heard about Bulganin and Khrushchev a lot but had never seen them. Their curiosity to see the "strange men" combined with an appeal from Nehru to welcome the state visitors and their traditional warm-heartedness, the report is believed to have suggested.

In short, India will neither turn Red nor White. It will "ultimately hear Nehru... and obey Nehru, and act as Nehru says," one Western embassy is said to have reported to its Government.

The pro-Communist envoys, on the other hand, have also sent their reactions to their respective countries on the Russians' visit to India, it was authoritatively learned here.

Close Watch

Details of their reactions are not yet known. But they reportedly have sent a "favourable" review rejoicing at the successful tour of the two leaders, the sources here said.

The Soviet Government had directed all its ambassadors in the world to keep a close watch on the West's reaction to the Russian leaders' tour in Asia and send them full reports before the two travellers returned home, the sources said.

Communist diplomats posted in the West are reported to have called the Russian tour successful. They were "immensely obliged" to the Western press for publishing the Russian leaders, and enlightening "our burden, and expense."

Thousands of dollars otherwise would have been spent by the Communist Government for publicity, the sources said.—United Press.

Templer Due
In Amman

Amman, Dec. 5.

General Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, will arrive here tomorrow, it was announced in Amman tonight.

It was stated that he will discuss with the Jordan Government questions of Jordan's defence, and matters connected with the Arab Legion.—Reuter.

First Goods
Train Across
Gobi Desert

London, Dec. 5.

The first goods train to run over the new railway across the Gobi Desert, linking the Soviet Union, Mongolia and China, will start its journey on December 23, Moscow radio reported tonight.

The new rail link will cut the journey between Moscow and Peking by over 1,000 kilometres.

(Last April the Soviet News agency Tass, announced the completion of the line from Ulan Bator, the Mongolian capital to the Chinese border. A special train carried Mongolian, Soviet and Chinese representatives across the Gobi Desert to the Chinese frontier).

(The line roughly follows the old caravan route running southeast from Ulan Bator to Peking, passing through Sahn Shanda).—Reuter.

REFUGEES STAY

Kampala, Dec. 5.

Refugees from the Sudan accused of political offences will have the right of asylum in Uganda, new regulations published here today stated.

Fugitive criminals will be deported to the Sudan, if warrants for their trials are sent to Uganda, by the Sudan government, the regulations said.—France-Press.

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ADMISSION TO UN DEBATE DRAGS ON

Soviet Union Objects To Mention Of Germany

UN Talked Out Of Adjournment

New York, Dec. 5. A rush of speech making ruled out today any hope that the United Nations General Assembly would be able to meet its December 10 target for adjournment.

The speakers list in the debate on admission of new members was closed with 35 countries still to be heard from, starting with this afternoon's meeting.

In the debate on disarmament, 28 countries intervened when the debate on these issues has been finished in the respective committees, the matters still have to go to an Assembly plenary session to be finally ratified.

Also in connection with the membership issue, the Security Council has still to meet before the Assembly can take any action. In addition to membership and disarmament, the Assembly's committee still have a number of other items to be discussed.

The Assembly session is now expected to last at least until the middle of next week.—China Mail Special.

CUBA WANTS SOUTH KOREA AND VIETNAM IN PACKAGE DEAL

New York, Dec. 5.

The Soviet Union protested today about a mention of Germany in the United Nations debate on admission of new members.

Dr Emilio Nunez-Portuondo, the Cuban delegate brought up the question when he was appealing for support for his proposal that the republic of Korea and Vietnam should be added to the "package" list of 18 applicants for admission.

The proposal of Canada and 21 other countries before the committee requests membership for all these 18 countries, about which no problem of unification arises. Under this formula, Korea and Vietnam would be excluded.

Dr Nunez-Portuondo complained that to omit South Korea meant putting the victim of aggression and the aggressors on the same footing. Vietnam had also been the victim of Communist aggression. Yet it was now being maintained that it should be denied the right to enter the United Nations.

Another Anomaly

"The Federal Republic of Germany is another anomaly," the Cuban delegate added.

Mr Jacob Malik, representing the Soviet Union, interposed to protest against the discussion of Germany.

Prince Wan Waihayakon, of Thailand, the committee chairman, replied that it was in order to refer to Germany, but he asked Mr Nunez-Portuondo to limit himself as far as possible to the draft resolution.

"In the list of states which have applied to the United Nations for admission, we do not find the German Federal Republic or the German Democratic Republic," Mr Malik said. "There is no reason to refer to the German question and I do not think the chairman is correct."

"I repeat," said Prince Wan, "that a reference to Germany is in order because the title of our item is admission of new members. That is a general question."

Veto Threatened

The 18 undivided states being considered for membership are: Austria, Cambodia, Ceylon, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Libya, Nepal, Portugal, Spain, Outer Mongolia, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.

When the joint resolution has been approved by the committee, it will be sent to the

Security Council, where Nationalist China has threatened to veto Outer Mongolia. Such a veto would endanger the admission of all the others as the Soviet Union has said it would agree only to admission of "all or nothing."

Dr Nunez-Portuondo said Cuba would oppose the five Communist applicants whose governments were imposed on their peoples by Soviet armies.

"We cannot but recognize that the voice which rises in the Kremlin is repeated in every part of the empire, even Outer Mongolia," he said.

Mr Marian Nazkowsky, Polish deputy Foreign Minister, said Dr Nunez-Portuondo's speech had been full of hate and "its contents far from the truth and in terms very far from the customary procedures of this committee."

Fear had been shown in the speech, he said, that agreement might become possible over the admission of the applicants.

Closer Together

There was no doubt, Mr Nazkowsky said, that the admission of new members was one of the most urgent problems of the Assembly's agenda. Poland could also give reasons for its disaffection with "this sort of candidate" but he believed it would be in the United Nations interests to admit all the applicants.

At a time when views seemed to have come closer together, the Cuban delegation, in its attempt to admit South Korea and Vietnam, tended to make any agreement impossible and "make us go backwards," he said.

It seemed that the United Nations was very close to a solution and he appealed to all other delegations to act to introduce the 18 states in harmony with it in the interests of peace and security.

Sir Percy Spender of Australia said all members of the committee should "greatly welcome the opportunity that presents itself in the form of the resolution now before us, of taking at long last effective steps towards a solution."

The membership item was undoubtedly a hardy annual that had survived many years of stunted growth, but seemed likely soon "to bear some kind of fruit," he said.

Not Interpreter

"In truth it is not principle with which we are here concerned but expediency," he went on. "The expediency of inexorable political circumstance. It is expedient in the interests of the United Nations and world peace that we should admit all 18 applicant nations irrespective of reservations we may have as to the qualifications for membership of certain of them."

Sir Percy said it had always been his view that the veto could not be used by a permanent member of the Security Council over the admission of a new member.

"If I am told that the Security Council has in the past regarded a recommendation by it as a decision, my reply is that the Security Council is not the interpreter of the Charter," he said. "In the present case political factors must override the juridical ones if there was to be any solution of the thorny problem."

Commenting on Australia's reversal of her previous opposition to the package deal, Sir Percy said:

"We are quite clear that we are not doing something of which we can be very proud but something we are forced to do and would not do if there were not positive gains which we can only hope will outweigh the losses. I am, therefore, convinced that the package deal is an arrangement which will be

needed of a transference. But that would not be enough, he said.

"We gain more Asians, one of which has a long history of nationhood and experience as a major power in world affairs and all with centuries old traditions, all with the right of civilised people to recognition of their equality."

Sir Percy said: "We gain more Europeans in an organization which has paid far too little respect to the great values of Western culture and development."

"We gain two of the leading countries of our time, Italy and Japan, whose membership of a society of nations would only have been delayed so long in the world in circumstances and in terms very far from the customary procedures of this committee."

"We gain from our own Commonwealth point of view and of this I am especially glad the admission of Ceylon to its rightful place in this association of equal and sovereign states."

"We gain in taking a rapid and long stride toward the completion of the world-wide membership that is politically an obvious need. Let us hope that the day may not be too far distant when we can welcome a unified Germany among us."

Obstruct Will

Sir Percy concluded with an appeal to the representative of Nationalist China "not to exercise his veto in such a way as will obstruct the will of the great majority of nations on this matter."

"With every understanding of the logic of much of his argument, I say to him that we are here not dealing with the logic of reason but the logic of circumstance—which obliges us if we are wise to take the course which is proposed," he said.—Reuter.

Asia Catholics Told To Crusade Against Communism

Manila, Dec. 5.

A Ceylonese Catholic priest today called upon Catholics in Asia to join a "crusade" for social justice to counter the threat of communism in the Far East.

Father Peter A. Pillai, President of the Catholic Action movement in Ceylon, was speaking at the fourth plenary session of the first Asian congress of lay apostolate here.

The congress is being attended by more than 150 delegates from Japan, Singapore, Malaya, Hongkong, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Nationalist China, South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.

Take Lead

Father Pillai said communism had succeeded in winning over followers among labourers in Asia because "it strikes at the very root of social ferment in the area."

He urged delegates to take the lead in fighting for social justice in their countries.

"It is not enough for Catholics to believe in the Christian principles of love and charity for fellow men, these principles must be lived and communicated to others," he said.



Members of the Moscow State Folk-Dance Company, currently performing in London, were so enthralled at seeing British comedian Norman Wisdom's stage act recently that they were given the opportunity of meeting him in person and watching one of his films. He is shown here demonstrating a spot of Russian dancing to the Soviet artists, who keep time for him with hand-claps.—Express Photo.

MIGs For East Germany

Berlin, Dec. 5. Soviet Russia has sent the first sleek MIG-15 fighters to the East German Air Force, Western intelligence officials said today.

Intelligence sources said the Soviets are delivering the jets for training of East German Air Force fighter pilots who hitherto trained on obsolete propeller-driven fighters.—United Press.

AVALANCHE BURIES 14 IN TYROL

Salzburg, Dec. 5. The bodies of two workmen killed by the first avalanche of the year, have so far been recovered from the hydro-electric works at Kaprun, in the Hohe Tauern mountains of the Austrian Tyrol.

Altogether 14 men were buried as the huge avalanche over a hundred yards wide, hit them as they worked on scaffolding outside the power station.

Five specially-trained dogs were helping 30 police and 200 hundred workers tonight to hunt out the rest of the party. The rescuers were working by means of torches and hastily improvised flares.—France-Press.

New Returnee

Tokyo, Dec. 6. Chinese returning to China got one more "new returnee" yesterday when a baby girl was born on the repatriation ship Kwan Mei, just prior to the ship's arrival in Moji, Kyushu, southernmost Japan.

The birth raised to 155 the number of Chinese returnees aboard the 1,777-ton vessel, which had already welcomed 154 Chinese before it sailed for Japan.

Russian Dancers Meet British Comedian

Foreigners Spoiling Herring Fishing

London, Dec. 5. A LABOUR member of Parliament has blamed "intensive trawling" by foreign vessels for Britain's bad herring fishing in the North Sea this year.

Forecasting that the Government intended to take off the white fish subsidy, Mr Edward Evans, MP for Lowestoft declared here that foreign trawlers had depleted "the natural sources of supply of herring."

"It is all the more tragic because, instead of the herring going for food, they are going for pig meat," he added.

Members of Parliament representing fishing towns were determined to press the Government to find the causes of depleted herring catches this year, Mr Evans declared.

Representations

If it was due to foreign trawling they were determined to see that the strongest possible representations were made to neighbouring countries to "ease up."

Regarding the removal of the white fish subsidy Mr Evans said he was making the statement very carefully "and not without inside information." The subsidy had been a great benefit and he hoped the cutting would not be done too drastically.

Under the White Fish and Herring Industries Act of 1953 the British Government pay a subsidy towards the cost of new vessels and engines and in respect of fish caught in the inshore, near and middle waters. It expired in 1958.—China Mail Special.

Drowned Joining The Legion

Strasbourg, Dec. 5. A young unidentified German was drowned in the icy waters of the Rhine yesterday while trying to swim from Germany to France to enlist in the Foreign Legion, it was learned here today.

The young man whose body has not been recovered yet was accompanied by another German youth who succeeded in getting across to the left bank of the river and informed the French authorities about the fate of his companion.—France-Press.

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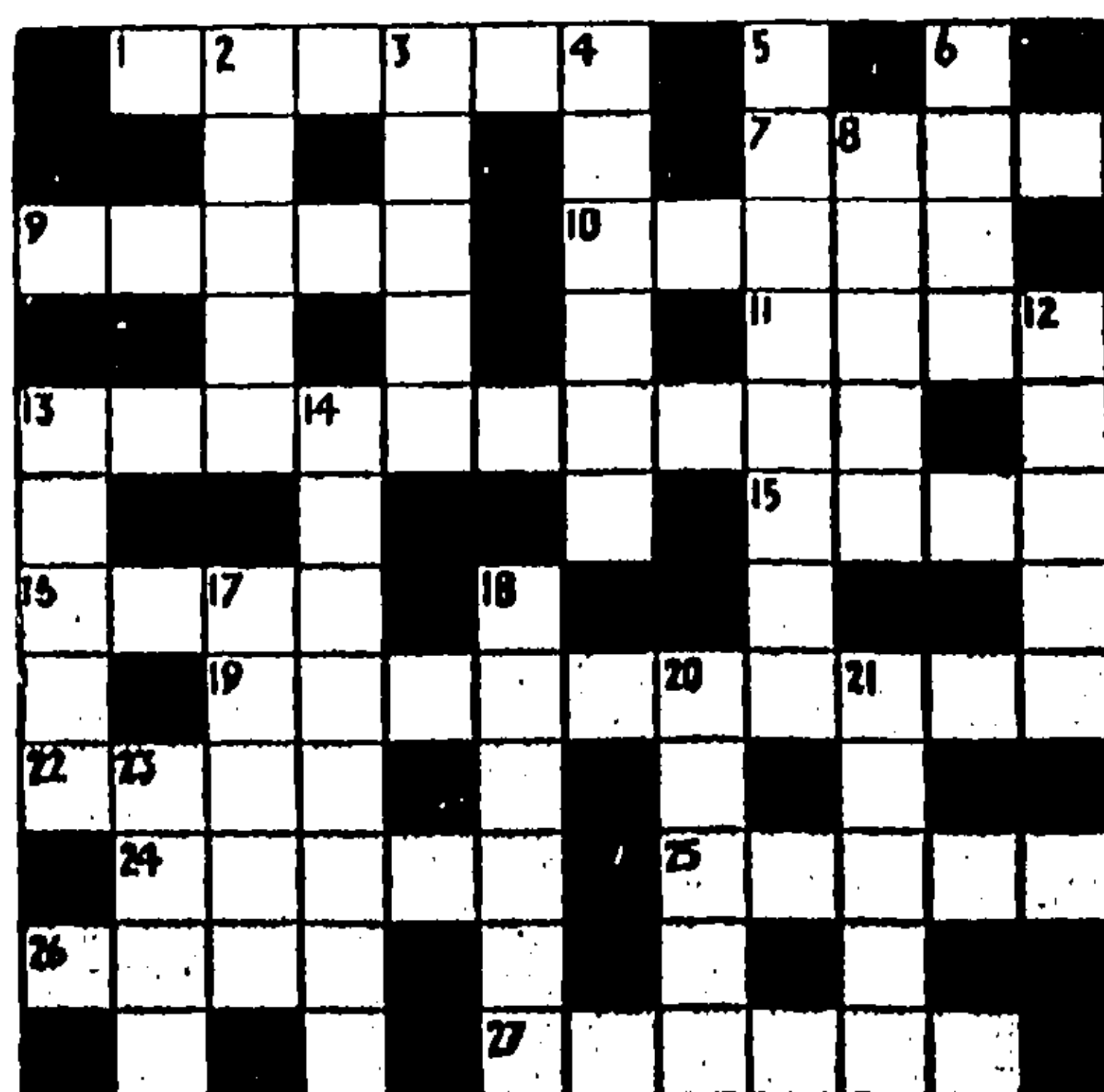
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How would you expect a wife to react if her husband returned with a new face, scarred beyond recognition? It happened to a war hero and his wife. And it makes—

A HEROIC STORY I CANNOT FORGET

By Robert Pitman

THE bandaged man lay staring at the roof of the wagon. How would his wife react?

That was the question which danced before his lidless eyes as the train jogged slowly on.

He pictured himself on his last leave with her—a boyish, romantic, young officer, still in the full vigour of youth. Now everything was changed.

A few weeks earlier he had been dragged from the burning wreck of his R.A.F. bomber in the Belgian low country. They had rolled him like a charred log through the long, wet grass to put out the flames. Suddenly the hospital train heaved to a halt. The door was shoved open.

They gasped

Women peered in from the sunlit world outside. But when he moved his head to look at them they gasped in horror and drew back, shielding their faces from the sight of him.

For William Simpson, in the summer of 1940, it was the first unmistakable sign of how terribly he had been disfigured.

Now, in 1955, in a frank and powerful book (*I Burned My Fingers*, Putnam, 18s.), Squadron-Leader Simpson, O.B.E., D.F.C., describes his journey back to life from that moment of despair.

First came a year in France—a year of agonising treks from hospital to hospital. But repatriation to England brought deeper pain.

His wife was waiting for him in a room at a seaside hotel. Her hair and jumper were carefully doctored with the scent which she knew he liked best. Then her young husband hobbled in on maimed feet, his face reduced to stumps, his face burned almost beyond recognition, his left eye still

without a lid—streaming helplessly. The tragedy which followed can be described in Simpson's own words:—

"All her hopes and dreams of finding me badly wounded and scarred—but not offensive, streaming at the eyes, dirtily bandaged and clumsily disabled—were shattered in that first instant of recognition... she broke down and wept."

He adds a pathetic confession:—
"It was bitterly ironic that her instinctive compassion had turned against her. From that moment onwards, no matter how gallantly she tried—and she tried so hard and for so long—there was no way back into my heart. I had turned to stone."

Simpson had reached the loneliest stage in his journey. There was nothing he could do for himself. Unaided he could not even feed or drink. He could not wash, dress, brush his own hair, clean his own teeth. His body was broken, good for nothing. So were his marriage and his career.

She sparkled

That was 14 years ago. Yet today William Simpson is an eminently successful professional man. He has two fine children. His life, he says, "is sweet, satisfying, and purposeful."

Who worked this wonderful transformation?
There was Archie McIndoe (now Sir Archibald), the greatest of our plastic surgeons. At his hospital in East Grinstead he gave Simpson a new nose, a new cheek, new eyelids, even a new eyebrow. He moulded the remains of his hands back into usefulness.

Simpson recalls these operations in detail. And he also paints a picture of McIndoe's wider work of his fight for the cause of disabled men ("as much attention and money,"

wrote McIndoe, "must be devoted to enabling the man to live for his country as he expended on seeing that he can die for it"), of his cure for the minds of his disfigured patients (he refused to make them wear hospital "blouses," insisted on them being nursed by the prettiest girls he could find).

There was Monica. Even among these pretty nurses her good looks sparkled. Simpson saw her first when he was waiting to be trundled to the operating theatre. Later he watched her each day from his bed in the ward, not daring to disclose his growing love for her. Today she is his wife. And in her own fashion she has surpassed even her husband in courage. She was a devout Catholic and her children are today being educated as Catholics. Yet, by marrying a divorced man, she deliberately cut herself off not only from her religion but also, but in her belief, from its promise of life in eternity.

'Yes, please'

There were people like Lord Beaverbrook. In the post-war world they gave Simpson the chance he wanted—the chance to be treated as an equal and not as a special case. Simpson describes one interview with Beaverbrook:—

"Do you want a job?" he asked in his deep and grating Canadian drawl. I had not had any intention of becoming a journalist, but I said, "Yes, please," and found myself on the staff of the Sunday Express. "We'll make a great human writer out of you," he said rather frighteningly. He named a salary and then doubled the figure with a spontaneous gesture and a friendly grin.

A great human writer? Simpson's new book often comes near to justifying that large prophecy. It is a book I for one will never forget. To recommend it to others is a double privilege.



HE'S CONVINCED HIS POLICIES ARE RIGHT

By Les Armour

AT 57, Francois Christiaan Erasmus is a man at ease with the world. Genial, gregarious, and relaxed, he harbours no discernible bitterness, grinds no political axes. He walks and talks like a man with plenty of time, no immediate worries, and nothing on his conscience.

All that comes as a surprise when you meet him. For he is South Africa's Defence Minister, one of the fathers of the ideology of apartheid, and one of the men who must take the final responsibility for the state of the Union.

You expect a tight-lipped, uncompromising, iron-willed apostle of the supremacy of the white man.

Instead, you find a friendly, unassuming man with an ease under questioning which comes, obviously, from a sense of the rightness of his actions and his ideas which is so deep-seated that he is sure that history will vindicate him and that the world's opinion, for the moment, is unimportant.

A farmer's son, he left the warm dry plains to go to law school, practised successfully for a while and then, at 30, gave it up for politics.

From the first he was a staunch believer in the policies of the Nationalist Party—the policies that

If the West has a "soft under-belly," then the great stretches of Africa south of the Sahara qualify for the title. How this soft spot can be hardened hinges largely on the efforts of the Minister of Defence for South Africa. What sort of man is he?

have been frontpage headlines ever since Daniel Malan first became Prime Minister of the Union in succession to Jan Smuts.

When Smuts and Hertzog, South Africa's two elder statesmen, formed a coalition, Erasmus was one of the few men who chose to follow Malan into the wilderness rather than join them.

When Malan became Premier, Erasmus became Defence Minister.

Ticklish Job

As Defence Minister, his job has been ticklish.

For the outside world's question about South African defence is always: defence against what?

Defence against external aggression or defence against revolt from within?

There have been many who have suggested that Erasmus' aim must necessarily be to build up a strong

force geared for action against possible revolt of the African inside the Union.

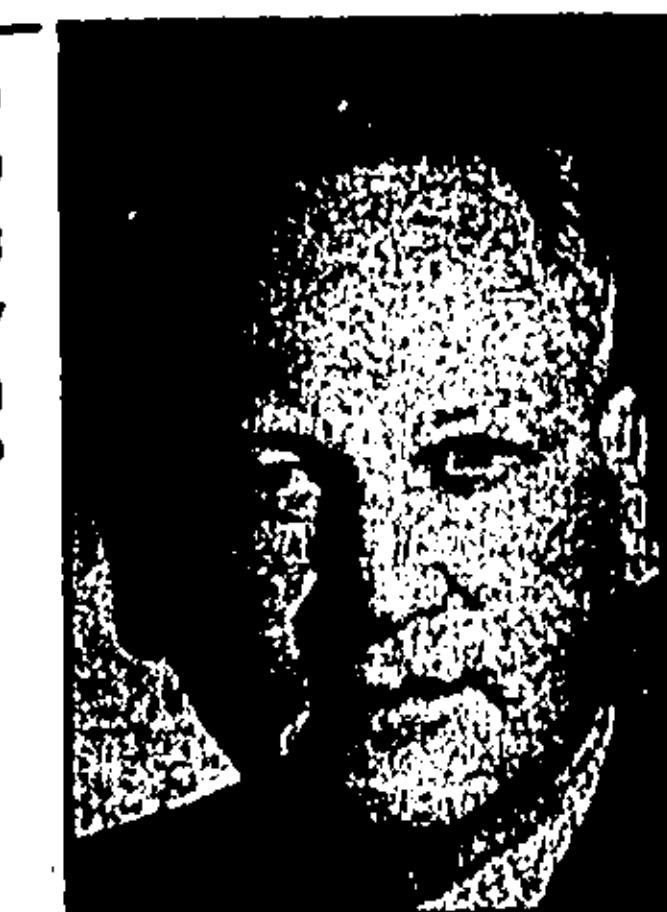
But Erasmus has always insisted that defence is purely against the possibility of external aggression. And there is nothing about the nature of South Africa's defence programme which suggests the contrary.

The Union has a small, compact force which can be rushed anywhere the government feels necessary—a force which, apparently, would be more use as a South African contribution to an international effort than as a deterrent to internal revolt.

He has been accused of refusing to arm Africans because he was afraid that they would use their arms against the government.

But his answer is that participation in modern war or preparations for modern war would clash with the government's policy for African development.

He holds—and no doubt he holds it sincerely—that Africans should be reintegrated into their own society and encouraged to develop from a tribal basis to a



ERASMUS

level appropriate to the twentieth century.

Obviously, to recruit Africans into an army would contribute still more to tribalisation.

Furthermore, he quite genuinely does not believe that there is any danger of revolt. He insists that the African is better off economically in South Africa than anywhere else, and that Africans are aware of the advantage. Unless they are spurred on by "agitators," he sees no chance of discontent becoming generally serious. And his government makes short shrift of "agitators."

Good Future

As to the future, he is convinced, again, that the African in South Africa has a good future to look forward to—a future in which he can develop his own society.

The great dream of two societies in South Africa is one

which, to him, is a coming reality.

It may not square with immediate practice. But to sincere Nationalists, that is merely the result of past misrule which is being corrected.

So he can afford to smile gently when he is told that America's Foreign Secretary, John Foster Dulles, has described Nationalist policy as one which "may touch off an explosion that will spread the fire of revolution throughout Africa."

After all, South Africa has no Mau Mau.

Sees Danger

And the anthropologists have blamed Mau Mau, in the last resort, on the bitterness and confusion which have resulted from the clash between Western civilisation and the tribal way of life.

It is precisely that clash that Mr Erasmus is trying to minimise (though the practical success of the essay may be doubted).

Meanwhile, he feels free to concentrate on South Africa's defence against external aggression.

South Africa is separated from Moscow by 80 degrees of latitude and from Peking by 70 degrees of longitude. It is, in fact, about as far away from the capitals of any potential aggressor as anything in the world.

But Mr Erasmus still sees a danger.

In event of war, he is convinced, Russia will charge head bent through the rich and politically unstable oil lands of the Persian Gulf, menace Suez and be in an ideal position for any offensive against South Africa.

In fact, he says, "Africa south of the Sahara is the biggest weak spot in the West's armour."

And, in event of hostilities, weak spots may well be good targets.

He is not immediately worried. But he is dithering, slowly, to fill the gap.

His Diplomacy

He succeeded, this summer in getting the British Government to promise support—in principle—for a special agreement by NATO powers concerned in Africa to co-operate in the defence of Africa.

And he is working on the French, the Belgians, and the Portuguese.

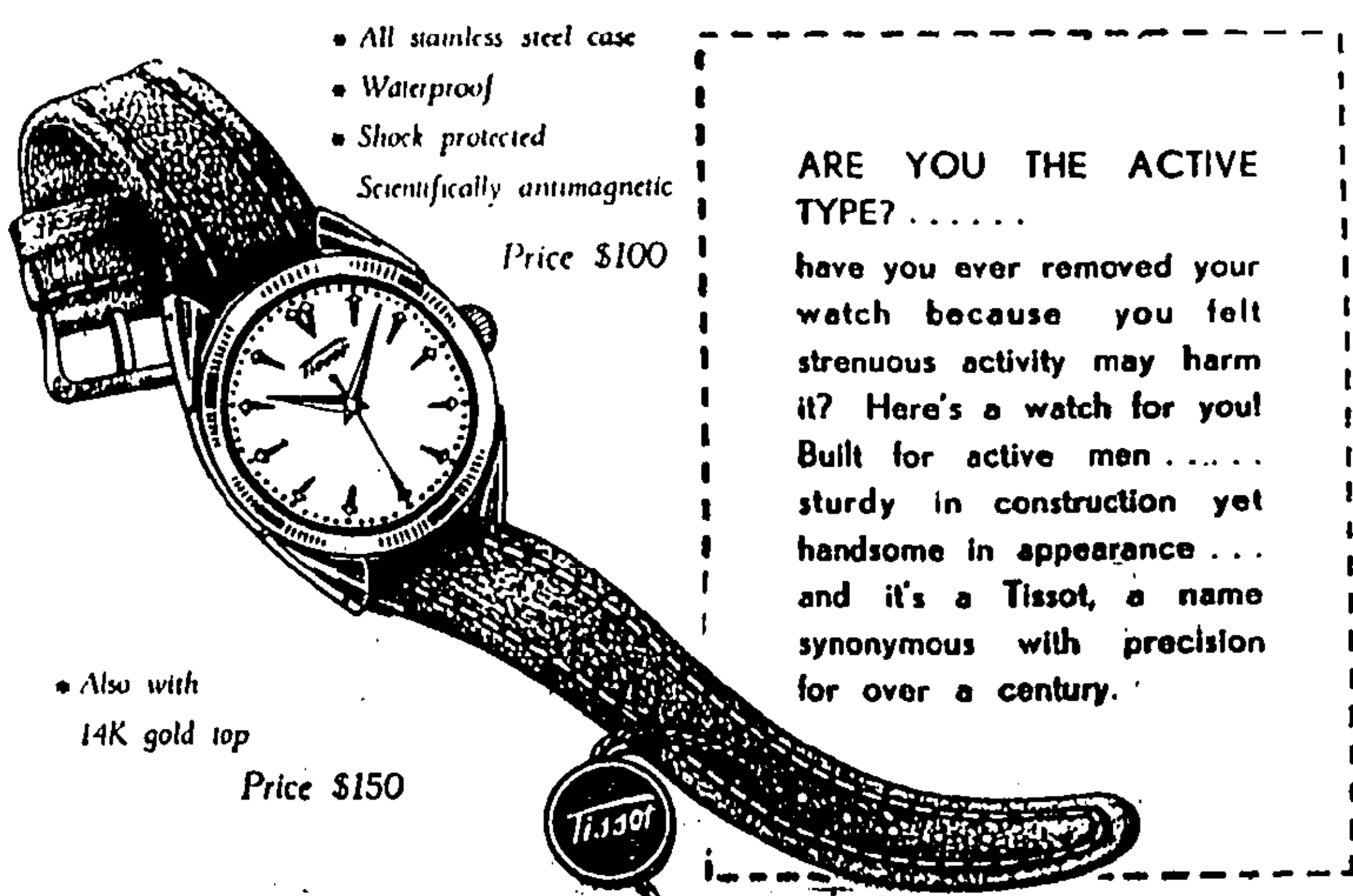
But he does not see the problem as one for immediate worry. "World tension is definitely easing," he says with a smile.

In the long run, he reasons, his diplomacy will get him the agreements he wants. For the moment there is nothing to worry about.

Let the outside world criticize if it wants to—he is convinced that history will show him to be right.

History may, indeed, show him to be wrong. But it is really worried about South Africa, to study Erasmus. He is not unique among Nationalist politicians, and he is not the kind of man the headlines have had to put to sleep.

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THE BOGART OUTLOOK

Now, at 54, it's time to be a respectable citizen

THE waiter came into the lounge of the hotel suite balancing a tray, and said: "Here are the drinks, Bogie."

We were in democratic New York, where it is the waited-upon who have to be polite, meek, respectful. But even there no film celebrity would expect, and encourage, the hotel staff to use his nickname. Except Humphrey Bogart, the least pompous and pretentious of celebrities. But he's also the most wryly mischievous.

SCORN

When I greeted him with "Hello, Bogie," he said, "Please don't be so familiar in front of the staff. Bad for discipline." Mrs Bogie (Lauren Bacall) entered from the bedroom in a flowing multi-coloured dressing-gown. She is called Betty by her friends and probably by the chambermaids too. "Betty," he said, "I acquired about his campaign to grow more hair on his bald-

York, and they talked as only the bantering Bogies do.

She said: "I suppose you've been waiting your time since you got here. You've probably gone to see Bogie's new movie and ignored mine." (His was *The Desperate Hours* and hers *Blood Alley*. Both had just been premiered.)

I confessed she was right. I received a scornful look.

WHO SUES NOW?

A pageboy brought in a copy of a national magazine, and Bogie turned to the film page to read the review of *The Desperate Hours*. It was flattering. He smirked.

"What does it say about my film?" asked Betty.

"Nothing. It only reviews the really important films."

"Incidentally," said Bogie, turning to me, "who's suing you at the moment?"

"Nobody," I replied. "Who are you suing at the moment?"

"Not a soul. Except the guys who run that magazine that attacks all the Hollywood stars. Better switch the subject."

ing head. (I reported the first stage about two years ago when he was visiting London.)

"Well, I haven't lost any more hair. Maybe I've even sprouted a bit. But I've no magic cure for baldness. Make that clear. Ever since you first wrote about it I've been pestered by letters from biddies begging for the cure. Some from women."

"And ever since you said I was a dollar millionaire I've been in trouble. I've got practically nothing compared to these Texan oil millionaires. But everyone's been trying to put the bite on me. I'm nearly ruined. I let the waiters call me Bogie so they'll settle for a small tip."

As an actor the "nearly ruined" Bogie has never been more in demand for films that earn him around £60,000 each or a healthy percentage of profits.

IT'S CHARM

He pondered the question of why he should be so successful at the age of 54.

"It's charm," he said, twirling his hair into a demure grin. "Mature. Irresistible charm. Plus my beautiful curly hair."

"Seriously, I don't know. Maybe it's because I've learned something about acting at last."

He bowed to his wife, who had retired to the bedroom to change—

"It's 7.5. We gotta leave for that dinner date."

She emerged in black evening gown and mink stole saying: "Why are you always telling me the time? I'm a big girl now, and I can tell the time."

Said Bogie: "It's 7.5 and 55 seconds."

SO KEEN

"Shut up and let me talk about my career for a change. I may be playing Elvira with Noel Coward in *Blithe Spirit* on TV over here. I'm so keen I'd almost agree to do it for nothing. But don't tell my agent." (Her agent has been asking about £8,000 for her services.)

As we rode downstairs in the elevator, Bogie, who has been banned from two New York night clubs, said:—

"Sorry I haven't any sensational news. Haven't been thrown out of a night club for ages. Been behaving like a respectable citizen."

I advised him not to let it become a habit.

RUGGER UNDER FLOODLIGHTS GUNNERS MEET REST OF THE ARMY AT THE VALLEY TOMORROW

By "PAK LO"

Tomorrow evening rugger fans from all over the Colony will be congregating at the Club ground at Happy Valley where, in the main event of the evening, the apparently invincible Gunners' XV faces its strongest test to date when it meets the Rest of the Army at 6.45 p.m. under floodlit conditions.

As an appetiser to this mighty battle the Club are fielding a team against 74 LAA on the same ground at 5.30 p.m. prompt. Part of this game will also be played under the floodlights.

The main game of the evening has been one of the main topics of conversation for some time among rugger enthusiasts. Most of whom will be going to the ground in the hope of seeing the Gunners' XV lose their unbeaten record as well as some first class rugger.

As is but to be expected, Gunners have made no change in their side, while the Rest of the Army, with the disadvantage of not having played together before as a team. However, taken individually, they if anything look a better side than the Gunners.

Bishop at full back is as good as Rowe, and the combination of Blincoe, Moore, and Caine as the two centres and wing of the three has proved very effective in their games for the 48 Brigade.

If anything they have more punch in attack than the Gunners, and the Gunners' three are inclined to become a little ragged when closely harassed.

London, Dec. 5. Teen-age girl swimmers from Britain and the Netherlands will go flat out in their attempts to break a string of world swimming records during the swimming meeting at Isleworth, Middlesex, this Friday and Saturday. It was announced here today.

Belgian and West German swimmers will also compete. Netherlands' 15-year-old Mary Kok, former holder of the world record for the 100 metres butterfly stroke and Lenie de Nijls, holder of the world records for the 800 Yards and 1,500 Metres freestyle are to attack the 440 Yards record of 5 mins. 7.9 secs. held by America's Miss Ann Curcio.

London's 16-year-old Margaret Edwards and Holland's Miss Jopie van Alphen will attempt to set a world record for the 220 Yards backstroke.

A Netherlands woman's team is to attack the world record for the 4 x 100-yard relays, at present held by America. On Saturday, Mary Kok will go after the world record for the 400 Yards individual medley. France-Press.

Scottish FA Cup Fifth Round Draw

Glasgow, Dec. 5. Draw for the fifth round of the Scottish Football Association cup to be played on Saturday, February 4, was made here today as follows:

Hibernian vs. Raith Rovers; Ayr United vs. Berwick Rangers; Morton vs. Celtic; Patrick Thistle vs. Alloa Athletic; Falkirk vs. Kilmarnock; Rangers vs. Aberdeen; Stirling Albion vs. St. Johnstone; Clyde vs. Dunfermline Athletic; Brechin City vs. Arbroath; St. Mirren vs. Third Lanark; Motherwell vs. Queens Park; Hearts vs. Forfar Athletic; Aldershot vs. Hamilton Academicals; Dundee United vs. Dundee; Queen of the South vs. Cowdenbeath; East Fife vs. Stenhousemuir.—Reuter.

Jack Solomons Retiring?

London, Dec. 5. Mr Jack Solomons, leading British boxing promoter, may give up organising fights and return to his one-time job of manager. It was learned here tonight.

It was understood that Solomons would take this decision in June, next year, if business did not improve, because he claimed that he lost £20,000 over the past three years.

Britain's big fight "king" who has organised fights in Sweden, Australia and South Africa and has close contacts with American promoters, has considered forming a manager's pool in Europe's boxing scene.—Reuter.

Behind the scrum the Rest have Kell and Sharpe. While Kell has not lived up to his promise of last year, he is still a very good fly half, and he and Sharpe seem to have little trouble in getting their three going.

On the other hand Glen and Jackman have shown very steady promise throughout the season and it is noticeable that Glen has of late been getting the ball away from the base of the scrum faster and cleaner than of yore.

BETTER FORWARDS

But it is in the forwards that the Gunners have the advantage. Without doubt they have in Collett the finest linout forward in the Colony, and in Hill one of the best wing forwards whose play over the last few years has always been a joy to watch.

The Gunners therefore should get a plentiful supply of the ball from the loose and lineouts, but Foster is the smarter of the two hookers and since his team is about evenly balanced as regards weight in the forwards should get the ball back quite a lot.

This means that both teams should get an equal share of the ball one way or another, and behind the scrum the Rest look the more likely to score.

Not that Wyss or Gerrard or Harrison are unlikely to score, but again the Rest backs have shown a better sense of defensive play in the games they have taken part in so far. On paper at least it looks as if the Gunners will at last have to play second fiddle, but spectators can be assured that they will see a really hard, fast, clean and open game, whatever the result.

In the curtain raiser the 74 LAA XV consists to a large extent of the Garrison side. Tomorrow night they are without some of their best players as Gerrard, Collett, Buckley and Gathouse are playing in the major game.

STRONG SIDE

Despite this they are fielding a strong side which should give the Club plenty of trouble. With Dowling, Phipps, and Preston in the forwards the Club pack will have to fight all the way, and behind the scrum the 74 have a fast moving set of three backed by a very steady full back.

RAF Sai Wan Beaten In Fencing Match

Royal Air Force Little Sai Wan defeated the Hongkong Police by 20 points to 12 in a fencing league match at the Central Gymnasium last night.

R. C. Ardy of the RAF won all his fights in the foil and sabre. Newcomer C. H. Chau of the HK Police showed good form in winning two fights and losing one against an experienced hand in J. Carter.

F. K. Lau won honours for the Police in the Epee. The meeting was presided over by Mr B. Clifton, assisted by Mr D. Carrott in the foil.

The individual scores are as follows:

RAF Little Sai Wan: S. Davies won 1, lost 2; R. C. Ardy won 3, lost 0; J. K. Pollock: C. H. Chau won 3, lost 1; Q. Martin won 0, lost 3; H. K. Tsui won 1, lost 2.

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The Club on the other hand have a fairly heavy pack, but they are a little slow though the wing forwards have the speed and tackling power which will trouble the 74 LAA halves.

Behind the scrum the Club have Cole and O'Kelly in the half positions, and they should prove to be the better of the two. Behind them they have a fairly strong and very fast three line which, given the chance, can really go places.

The 74 LAA forwards should get the ball from the lineouts and in the loose they are the faster to follow up and cover their three than are the Club forwards.

On the whole this also should prove to be a fairly equal game, with the 74 looking the more promising. A lot will depend on the Club backs' defensive play and here they are in their element for they have been tackling well lately and the Club ground is by far the best in the Colony as regards condition.

For these two games a gate will be charged. Services, on production of identity, \$1.20 and Civilian \$2.40. The whole gate is going towards the high cost of the floodlighting, and this should solve one of the problems that has been bothering the rugby section of the Club.

This is one night that should not be missed by anyone interested in rugger for it promises some really excellent fare.

TEAMS

Gunners: Rowe, Harrison, Wyss, Gerrard, Mander, Jackman, Glen, Chubb, Burke, Collett, Kell, Robinson, Hill, Gathouse, Buckley. Rest of Army: Bishop, Stoddard, Blincoe, Moore, Caine, Kell, Sharpe, Tilden, Foster, de Cordova, Jealous, Forrell, Macdonald, A.N. Oiler.

74 LAA: Jones, Carter, Lord, Anderson, Halliwell, Thaler, High, Green, Cross, Symes, Sumner, Dowling, Preston, Phipps, Jones, Clark, Dyer, Macdonald, Stone, Phipps, Inglis, O'Kelly, Cole, Rankin, Russell, Thompson, Wyatt, Ansell, Harrington, McColl-McCowan, Wymouth.

Six Foreigners In Sugar Bowl Tennis Tourney

New Orleans, Dec. 5. Six top-ranking foreign tennis stars will give the annual Sugar Bowl tennis tournament an international flavour starting December 29.

Douglas Watters, chairman of the Tennis Committee, said that such players as Roger Becker of England will give US Davis Cupper Vic Seixas of Philadelphia stiff competition in the three-day affair.

Besides Becker, ranked No. 1 in his homeland, the foreign stars include Bob Howe of Australia, Jean Bargaet of France, Bob Bedard of Canada, Johann Kuyperburger of South Africa and Armando Viera of Brazil.

Bedard and Viera also are top-ranked in their countries and Bargaet is a member of the French Davis Cup team.

Other domestic stars besides Seixas who have accepted invitations are former Wimbledon Champion Dick Savitt, Gardner Mulloy, ex-Sugar Bowl titlist Tom Brown, Jr., Grant Golden, Bernard Zitt, Bartzer and Allan Morels.

Eddie Maylan, 1935 Champion, will defend his title on the clay courts of the New Orleans Country Club—United Press.

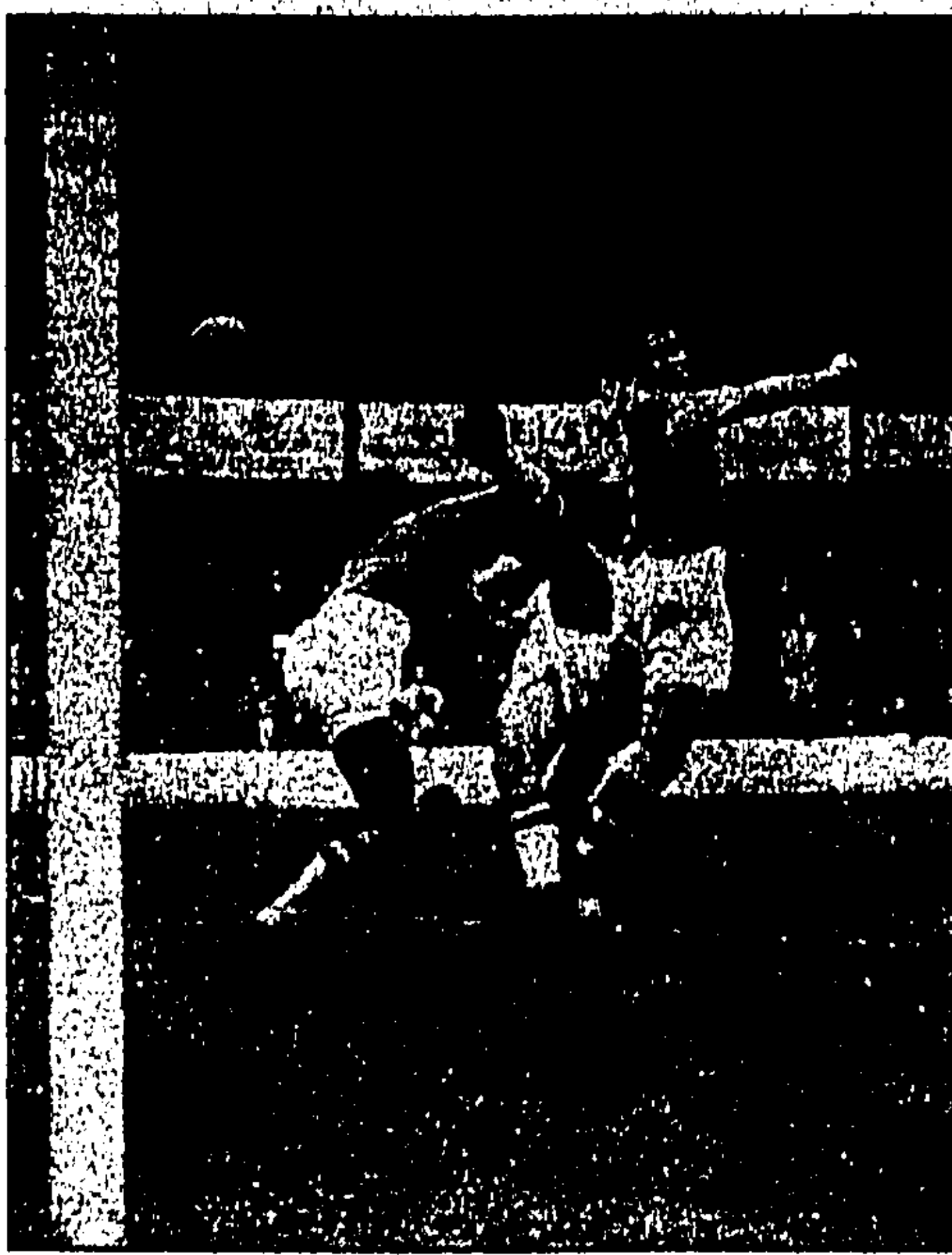
HK Cagers Win In Singapore And Pnom Penh

Singapore, Dec. 5. Hongkong beat Medan 77-71 in the men's section of the basketball competition for the Nanyang University Cup today.—Reuter.

Cambodian Tourney. Pnom Penh, Dec. 5. The Philippines last night beat the defending champions, Cambodian Chinese, 78-31, in the international basketball tournament.

Hongkong also beat the Cambodian Chinese 55-45. Singapore defeated the Cambodian national team 61-45.—France-Press.

A TENSE MOMENT



A tense moment in a soccer match in England between the Aldershot and Yeovil teams at Southampton last week. Match was a replay, star performer was Aldershot right-back Tom Reddie. Aldershot won 3-0.—Express Photo.

PUNTER'S PARADISE

Little Joe Forces The Track Into £15,000,000 Face Lift By "THE SCOUT"

Joe Punter, of New York, saunters off to Belmont Park to "do" his dollars just as Mr Green, of London, goes off to Kempton or Sandown Park. Suddenly the Belmont Park authorities found Joe was not coming so often and they asked themselves why.

The answer was that Joe, after visiting more luxurious modern tracks such as New Jersey, Hialeah, and Santa Anita, all at once found Belmont uncomfortable and old-fashioned. Belmont statistics helped diagnose this lack of appeal, and so the "old woman" of American racing has ordered herself a face-lift.

At the moment plans are going through for rebuilding Belmont Park at a cost of not less than £15,000,000.

The present stands will be razed, an entirely new block erected, the course itself reshaped, and suburban space for parking 15,000 cars fashioned below the racing arena.

Most owners and trainers regret the passing of the Belmont Park they have known. There is a lot of sentiment and tradition attached to this course and the average prize-money amounts to more than £2,000.

ALL SATISFIED

Stewards, owners, trainers, or jockeys were not responsible for demanding this enterprise. All these parties were quite satisfied with what Belmont had to offer.

The stands were comparable with Epsom, more convenient than Ascot, and years in advance of those quaint reminders of bygone days from which we watch racing at Newmarket and Doncaster.

But... not good enough for the man and woman who pay their dollars at the turnstiles and expect amenities equal to those offered by Garden State, Atlantic City, Laurel, Hollywood Park and elsewhere.

That is why the stands of Belmont Park—"the Newmarket of America," for it is a training area as much as a racecourse—are being pulled down and rebuilt at such tremendous cost.

The customer is the dictator of American racing. The men and women who attend the races out there betted a total of £700 million through the racecourse pari-mutuels in 1954. (Audited figures—seven hundred million!)

From this figure some £25,000,000 went in State taxes, and the equivalent was handed to the racecourse executives.

Each racecourse profits from its own enterprise. Put on

highclass racing with the maximum efficiency, in surroundings as comfortable and congenial as possible, and large crowds of spectators are assured.

The larger the crowd, the higher they bet, the more goes back in stake-money to owners and their employees. So the ordinary stable-boy pulls in £25 a week and owns a car.

"How does our racing compare with yours?" an American race-goer asked me at Laurel Park.

"Please remember," said I, "that we invented the sport. You have adapted it, mechanized it, and made your own improvements. Our people have already copied your example by installing the photo-finish and introducing broadcast commentaries."

"And I can see other ideas which can be transplanted—though our racing is more natural, more sporting, offers more variety."

There was a tug at my sleeve, and an almost-forgotten voice, the voice of Mr Green himself, whispered: "Toll him we have bookmakers and tie-lace men and all the exciting atmosphere they create."

GOOD POINT?

So I told Joe Punter: "My friend from England, Mr Green, has made a good point."

"Sure," conceded the American, "they're a picturesque part of the English racing scene. But tell me, how can you afford to have such a luxury over there?"

Bookmakers a "luxury"! It was an angle that had occurred to neither of us.

"If there is anything to be dispensed with in English racing I think I'd sooner scrub our old bet-in-the-dark tote than the bookies," came back Mr Green staunchly.

Was he right? (Copyright)

ANOTHER ANGLE ON YOUNG PLAYER PROBLEM LET CLUBS TRAIN BOYS —FOR FUTURE OF ENGLAND

Says CLIFF BRITTON (Everton Manager)

After reading articles about the conduct of professional clubs towards schoolboys who are potential football stars, I thought a few points of view from the other side of the fence would be of interest to readers and to the schools authorities who inspired the articles.

Now that there is—rightly or wrongly—so much national prestige attached to international sport, the problem of making the most of our available talent should be the concern of all who are interested in our showing in the international field.

Our prestige in the football world has long since passed out of the hands of the England amateur team. It depends upon professional football. If the amateur people will realise this, there may be better co-operation with the professional clubs.

I am fully aware of the failings of the League clubs. I also appreciate that boys who have gained places to grammar schools should make the completion of their education their primary objective.

OPPORTUNITY

But, where boys are gifted with outstanding talent for a particular sport, I cannot understand the attitude of headmasters who have an obsession that this talent must not be developed by professional people.

This is more important to boys who are graded in senior modern schools. If some of these boys have to depend on academic talents for their livelihood their future is not very bright.

Perhaps the only way these boys have of gaining a standard of living comparable to boys of higher intellect is by using this natural ability to play games. Why should they be denied the opportunity?

The professional clubs have been accused of only being interested in boys as potential footballers, and that all other matters relating to their general welfare are not considered. This is unfair and untrue.

While clubs are chiefly concerned with boys for their football talent it is not to the exclusion of their other interests. If parents wish their sons to have some other safeguard for the future, then clubs are willing to help.

PUT TO TRADES

Every year we at Everton arrange for boys to be apprenticed to the various trades, or articles to accountants. Many of them will not make the grade as footballers, but the benefit of their becoming tradesmen continues after our interest in them as footballers has finished. Some never reach the point of signing professional forms.

In professional football, as in the business world, boys are in a competitive market. Management are looking for the best talent and that is their responsibility. But, even for the boys who do not make the grade, one cannot say that the three or four years they have spent with a first-class club have been wasted.

These boys have been developed physically and given a code of discipline during adolescent years. Those who return to amateur football are able to pass on valuable experience gained with professional clubs.

Many boys are grateful for this and much of the information about promising amateurs is obtained from those players who have passed through professional clubs.

NO SCRAP HEAP

They would not do this if they thought they had been thrown on the scrap heap. They have had the chance to make the grade and have not. They are satisfied.

Now to the wider issue of national prestige. The school authorities may say it is not their concern to provide England with players, yet no one should be more vitally concerned than the schools. Our future prestige depends on the schoolboys of today.

To raise the general standard of play, the professional clubs—or professional coaches—must be able to get hold of prospective professionals in school football much earlier than they do at the moment.

The majority of boys from whom we recruit have a natural gift. It is there long before they leave school, and most of them have made up their minds that they are going to be footballers.



CLIFF BRITTON

Yet we are not permitted to touch these natural and only resources until after school-leaving age, which is generally nearer 16 than 15. By this age many bad faults have become habits which may never be broken.

The Confederal teams have gained an advantage over us in basic principles like ball control, positional sense, and accuracy of passing.

If our schoolboys could receive specialised training in the basic skills by experienced professional staffs from the age of ten onwards we will take a big step towards putting our general standard of play on a sounder footing.

FEW FROM MANY

The number of boys who would be involved in the suggestion of specialised training is very small. In Liverpool there are 28,000 boys between the ages of 11 and 15-plus attending council schools.

Yet at the end of last season Everton and Liverpool signed only nine boys.

If possible, boys should go to their local clubs. This would stop the auction of schoolboy talent which can divert a boy's love of the game into other channels.

If school authorities will not co-operate with the clubs, then the Football Association could supply coaches to train these selected schoolboys regularly, instead of coaching the masses.

It is of little use spending time on boys who have no aptitude for games and will

INTERNATIONAL STAKES

US Jockey Accepts Invitation To Ride At Melbourne

Aradada, Calif., Dec. 5.

Veteran American jockey Johnny Adams today accepted an invitation to ride in the International Stakes at Melbourne, Dec. 31, and will fly to Australia December 16, he announced at his home here.

The noted rider will be the only jockey from the U.S. invited to compete in the race at Caulfield Park. The race features jockeys from every major racing centre in the world competing by invitation.

Adams said his cable invitation did not say which horse he would ride. Adams announced he would fly back here immediately after the Melbourne race in order to carry out his assignments at Santa Anita race track as contract rider for Harry Harts Horn.

He hoped to be back here by January 3 or 4 in order to get in some mounts in the second week of the Santa Anita meeting which opens December 20. —United Press.

finish with sport when they leave school.

Boys must be made to realise that it DOES matter if the ball is not used to advantage. From my experience of watching school football the primary concern is to win the game. Boys are selected to those familiar old football cries of "Get rid of it" and "Kick it." The result of the game should be secondary. How it is played is the important thing in these formative years.

The "Old School Tie" attitude boys have are at best in stands for much that is best in our way of life, but it would be wrong to use it to strangle the development of those who may one day be called on to play for England.

THANKS TO SCHOOLS

Some of the "Old School Tie" brigade feel it is wrong that boys should get mixed up with professional sportsmen. Yet, by helping a boy to become a professional sportsman, they are helping a boy to become a professional sportsman.

Perry Len Hutton, or Billy Wright, the school authorities will have done as much for their country, and the boy, as they would by helping him to get his school certificate, which might anchor him to a desk in some corner of an office for the rest of his life.

Finally, let me pay tribute to all the work being done by schoolteachers in their own time for the benefit of boys under their care. I also agree that, next to the parents—sometimes before the parents—they are the ones most concerned with the well-being of the boy.

But many headmasters have a wrong conception of professional sport because of their lack of knowledge of it. I am sure that if there could be a little more co-operation on both sides to go more deeply into every aspect of what is in the best interests of a boy's future well-being, many of the present problems would be removed. And all might benefit.

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Nashua Awarded Second Post-Season Honour By TRA

Miami, Florida, Dec. 6.

Bolair Stud's Nashua was awarded his second post-season honour today when he was chosen as Champion three-year-old of 1953 by the Thoroughbred Racing Association.

Earlier in the year the Daily Racing Form and Morning Telegraph also named the strapping son of Nasrullah as the best of his division.

Nashua bent out an old rival for the honour out had as little trouble as licking Rex C. Ellsworth's Swaps in the voting as he did in their match race last summer at Washington Park.

Thirty-seven of the 40 votes cast by the racing secretaries of the 40 tracks were for Nashua, while only three went for Swaps, who defeated Nashua in the Kentucky Derby in May.

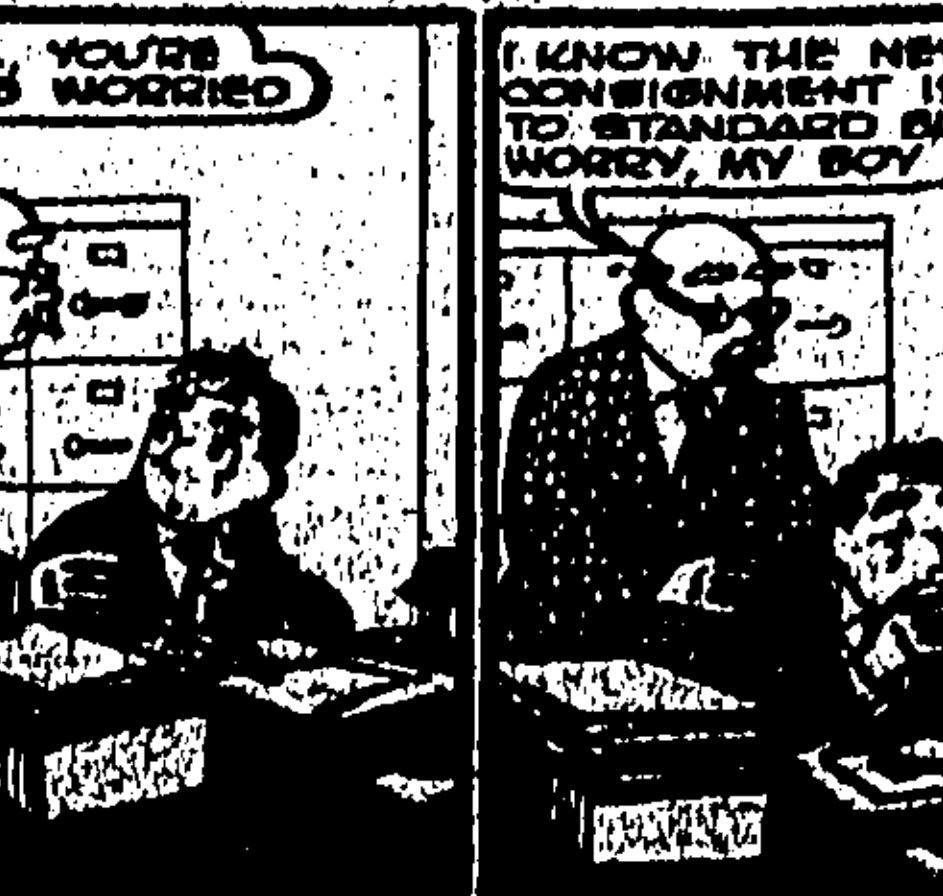
Nashua was a repeater on the roster of Champions for he also was selected as the top two-year-old colt by the TRA last season. This year that honour went to Mrs. Arson A. Bigelow's Nash with Howell E. Jackson's Nasrula chosen as the best two-year-old filly.

Nashua currently is at Claiborne farm at Paris, Ky., while the executors of the late William Woodward, Jr. estate ponder his fate. The Belmont-bred beauty has earned \$945,616 through 61 victories in 20 races and is topped only by Citation's \$1,085,760 on the list of the world's leading money winners.—United Press.

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LOOKING AT SPORT

REFEREE PERMITTING, TULI'S STRENGTH CAN REGAIN EMPIRE TITLE

Says DENNIS HART

This evening can be the night of nights for Jake Tuli, the fighting Zulu. He can win back the Empire Flyweight title; avenge a year-old defeat and step once more into the boxing limelight.

Between him and these glittering prospects stands the slim figure of Dai Dower, the Welshman who came from the coal face to win the Empire title — from Tuli.

That was in October last year, in the same Harrington ring where Tuesday's fight takes place.

This time I fancy it will be Tuli's chance if the referee is not alarmed by his tearway tactics.

Jake doesn't want any favours. All he asks is to be allowed to fight his own way.

CLOSE RANGE

He wasn't in the last Dower scrap. Mr. Andrew Smythe was the referee. Nine times he warned Tuli as the South African tore into the Welshman. The result was that the bout was not fought at close range, as Tuli wanted it, but at a distance. That suited the classical-styled Dower down to the ground.

Just how much can be seen from Dower's fight with Young Martin, when he lost his European title. Martin charged in like a miniature Marcelino and buffeted Dower to a crushing twelve-round defeat.

Tuli reckons he can do the same—unless the referee stops him.

Why did Smythe keep warning Tuli in the last scrap?

It wasn't so much what Tuli did, but what he might have done. When a fighter rushes his man heads may collide. Smythe saw that the heads didn't get near enough.

A noble action? In some ways, but a referee takes an awful lot on himself when he indulges in prophecy.

If Tuli is allowed to get to grips at close quarters on Tuesday I don't think Dower will have the strength or the know-how to force him away.

MURDEROUS JAB

The South African has a murderous left jab. He carries a knock out in his right as well.

Against this Dower has his tremendous speed and a copy-book straight left. At a distance his speed is enough. It was before, when he outpointed Tuli. But it won't help him close in. And that's where Jake aims to be—with the ref's permission.

Dower's left is a snappy punch. But it doesn't carry much punch. Young Martin treated it with contempt when hustling the Welshman to defeat.

There is a third factor—Dower's weight. It has been sug-

gested that he is having difficulty in making the flyweight limit.

Against a man like Tuli, this in itself could be disastrous.

Dower may well give Tuli a lesson in the finer points of boxing. But I take the South African's strength and punching power to win him back the title.

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Piggott Still Grows —But Race Strength Increases

By JAMES PARK

The 1955 flat-racing season was the first full term for many years that the other jockeys did not have to contend with Sir Gordon Richards. Douglas Smith consolidated his position as Champion jockey and stepped up from 129 winners in 1954—when Sir Gordon rode for part of the season—to 168.

The signs are that Smith will remain at the head of the table for some years.

One reason why I think Douglas Smith will remain the Champion jockey is that he has amassed a considerable knowledge of the art of race-riding apart from being able to put it into practice. It follows not he thought that one follows on the other automatically. Not by any means.

I have always found Smith to be sound in his judgment. What happened in a race and what he recently expressed the opinion that our own jockeys were just as good in tactics as the Australians.

COMPARISON

Smith compared the catlike run of Scobie Breasley with the powerful finish of Lester Piggott. While it may be that their styles are different in a driving finish, I have noted a certain similarity throughout a race. Breasley always sticks close to the rails on a round course. He knows that is the nearest way home. Piggott has been doing much the same this year. It requires a lot of pluck to remain on the fence with a bunch of horses in front. The jockey knows that if he does not get a clear run he will be blamed for riding a bad race.

Breasley and Piggott are con-

tent to remain on the inside longer than most in the belief that an opening will be presented by beaten horses falling back. It has come off for them so often that they are entitled to say the tactics have been justified.

That sort of thing depends on how many races were lost which might have been won. That did not happen very often to either Breasley or Piggott.

DRIVING POWER

Piggott's future depends on how long he can remain at his present weight of around 14st. 4lb. He is still growing, but has increased in strength from year to year. He has tremendous driving power, and in that respect I doubt whether he is excelled by any jockey riding today.

I would not say it is pretty to watch, but that does not mean much. It is effectiveness which counts, and when it comes to strength in a finish Piggott can hold his own with the best.

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AROUND HOLLYWOOD

THIS IS THE YEAR OF MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MOTION PICTURES

Says MICHAEL RUDDY

This is the year of multi-million dollar motion pictures. I'll give you the dollar statistics and you can take pencil and paper and quickly find the sterling cost at \$2.80 to the pound.

Samuel Goldwyn's "Guys and Dolls"—\$6,000,000; Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" in Todd AO—\$10,000,000; Twentieth Century Fox's "Carousel"—\$4,000,000 and "The King and I"—\$6,600,000, both of these in the 55 mm Cinema-Scope technique, which is superb.

There are a dozen important films which have cost over a million pounds and still being shot in C. B. de Mille's colossal version of "The Ten Commandments," a deceptive title as his ten million dollar epic concerns the life of Moses, (Charlton Heston), a brace of Pharaohs, (Yul Brynner and Sir Cedric Hardwicke) and a bevy of Egyptian and Hebrew beauties, (Anne Baxter, Yvonne de Carlo, Nina Foch, Debra Paget).

ON HIS OWN

Completely on his own is impresario Mike Todd, dynamic, indefatigable and imaginative,

who is steadily going "Around the World in 80 Days." Cost so far is seven million and he has twenty days to go. There are more than forty noted stars and players in the cast to date.

I have spent several nights watching the shooting with Ronald Colman, George Raft, Marlene Dietrich, Gilbert Roland, Reginald Denny, Cesar Romero, Charles Coburn, Joe E. Brown, Buster Keaton, Melville Cooper playing one-day or one-night cameo roles.

Through the round-the-world story move the four main characters, David Niven, his man, Mario Cantinflas, and Robert Newton, with Shirley MacLaine as the Indian Princess. The small part Mr. Todd showed me is fascinating. It will be one of the festivals of cinema in 1956.

The ultimate in advertising—"Sex—one of the delightfully funny words in "I Am A Camera." And Joan Crawford's latest, "The Queen Bee," has half-pages in the Hollywood and Los Angeles papers with a photograph of her seemingly about to bite John Ireland with the caution, "Other Women! Men are the Most Exciting to Me!"

This "Queen Bee" is a series of dreary monologues by Miss Crawford and not even her twenty-one changes of costume justify them. In fact John Ireland says to her, "You're like some fancy kind of disease."

After seeing this queen bee stinging all her rivals, it's well understood why Miss Crawford, costumes and all, went on the road to sell the movie. Many of us thought that she would re-dire gracefully when she married her fourth husband, wealthy peepcock tycoon, Alfred Steele. But no. It's announced that the veteran star will film "The Story of Esther Costello" for the Wolf boys with Rosanna Brazzi as her leading man. She certainly changes her mind, does Joan. She told me emphatically that

she had no intention of doing this grim story.

PROUD FATHER

I had a drink with a proud father whose third son arrived last week, delivered by our favourite obstetrician. Kirk Douglas welcomed eight pound two ounce Peter. He took two days off from "Lust for Life," in which he is portraying Vincent Van Gogh, to celebrate.

The doctor is Leon Krohn, who has delivered many noted babies—Bing Crosby's twins, James Stewart's twins, and the James Mason's Party and Alexander Morgan, as well as hundreds of ordinary infants, like ours.

Kirk, who married his second wife, Ann Baughens, former Paris publicity woman, in May last year, told me he wanted a new family, "and to be blessed with a son is marvelous," said the bearded actor.

There's a wonderful turn in a Hollywood music-hall. A lion and a small goat that do tricks together. A film star who took her children to see the turn said to the trainer after the show, "They are very unusual. Do they really get along so well?" "Well, they do have their little differences," said the trainer, "but we just buy a new goat."

This is Frank Sinatra's big month. He stars in two excellent films showing in 30 cinemas throughout Southern California. They are "The Tender Trap," a delightful comedy with Debbie Reynolds, David Wayne and Celeste Holm, and "Guys and Dolls" with Jean Simmons (who is charming as Sister Sarah), Marlon Brando and Vivian Blaine. (Next week Frankie-boy begins his own film, "Johnny Concho," without heiress Gloria Vanderbilt who decided the small part she signed for in this western was too small, so packed up, returned to her Manhattan penthouse.

The "Revolt of Mamie Stover," a lurid yarn of a light of love who makes a million dollars in Honolulu during the war, begins filming at 20th Century Fox Studios with Jane Russell as Mamie. There's been a slight change in the characterisation of Mamie. She's now a dance-hall hostess, with Agnes Moorehead as the owner of the "Joint" and Richard Egan as Mamie's friend and counsellor.

Dick Haymes says that Rita Hayworth's Nevada divorce suit will be heard as soon as the lawyers agree on various details. What details? "Oh, they're beyond me. Legal stuff," Haymes said airily.

One thing is sure. Financial details must be settled. Allegedly Rita borrowed about \$40,000 to pay her debts.

Meanwhile Columbia Pictures wait with "Joseph and his Brethren." Rita said she'd do it if they could get Glenn Ford for Joseph. He's now committed to film "Teahouse of the August Moon" with Marlon Brando in March. Earliest return for Glenn, July, 1956.

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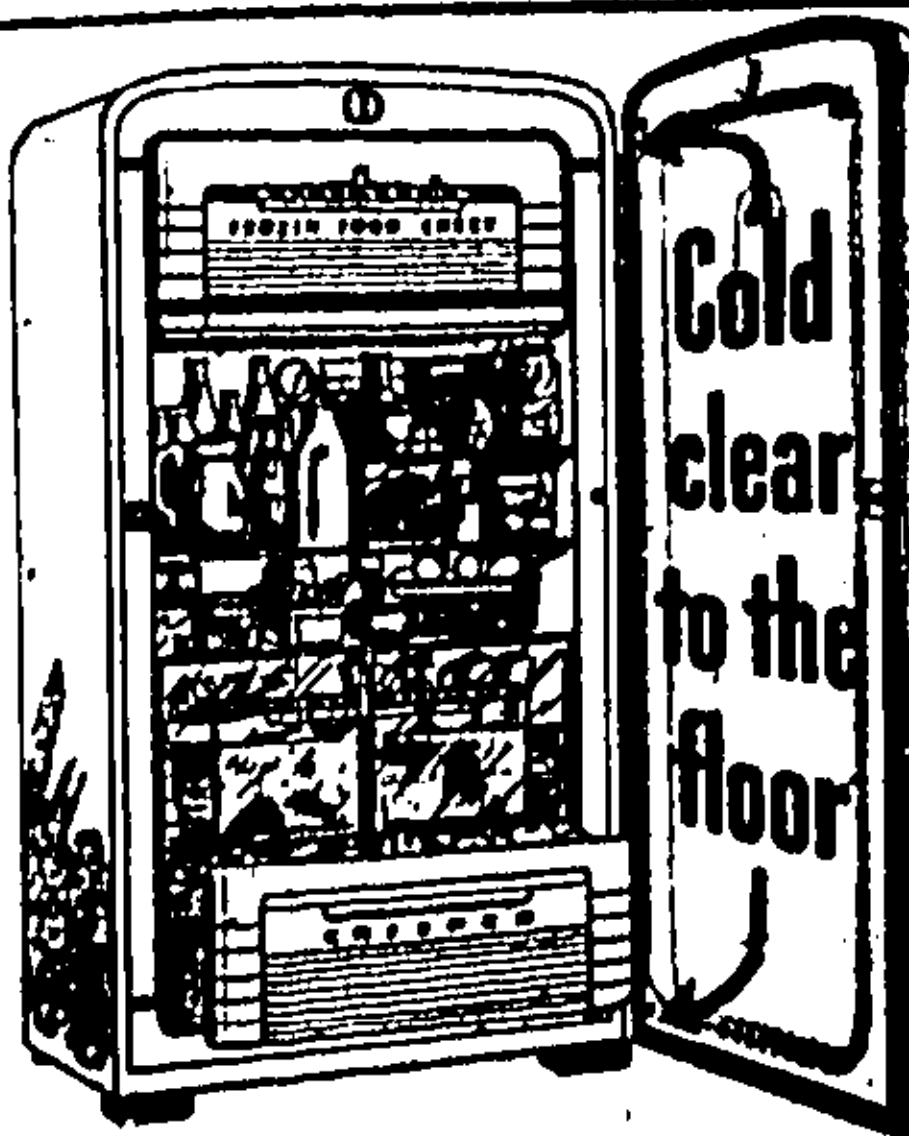
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How To Stop Soccer Rough-Houses

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

When are we going to put a stop to these rough-house games with Continental teams?

The trouble seems to start with that old problem of charging the goalkeeper.

They don't like charging on the Continent—and we do. That is the difference and there will always be trouble until the problem is solved.

There are two solutions. F.I.F.A. must act at once and condemn charging of goalkeepers in all international matches. British teams, on the other hand, must be told not to charge goalkeepers when playing against Continentals.

And we must have stronger referees in these games. I have always found Continental referees far too easy going in their control.

FINAL WHISTLE

I know what I am talking about—I have had plenty of experience of this rough type of football, when I was glad at the final whistle to have a shirt on my back and whole limbs.

I remember that shocking affair against Italy in 1934 when our dressing-room at half-time looked like a casualty clearing station. Eddie Hapgood

broke his nose and Eric Brook had his shoulder strapped up. Then there was that disgraceful bullfight between Hungary and Brazil in Switzerland's World Cup series. The England players saw that game, and believe me, we were all glad we were not in the middle of it.

I thought at the time that if this was international football, leave me right out of it.

We were in the centre of more rough play in Spain last year. The Spanish team had a go at everybody in the English team. Nat Lofthouse had his shirt dragged from his back and many other players suffered damage.

There is no room for bad temper and shady tactics in football. Let's decide here and now to cut it right out.

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STAGE BEING SET FOR BRITISH CARIBBEAN FEDERATION

Port of Spain, Dec. 5.

The stage is being set for the final Act of Federation which will merge the 3,000,000 and more inhabitants of the scattered British West Indies islands into the world's newest nation.

While no definite announcement has yet been made concerning when the final of many federal conferences will be held, Mr Albert Gomes, Trinidad's Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce, and one of the architects of federation, declared here recently: "It is the understanding of all the West Indian Governments that the plenipotentiary delegates to this momentous meeting will assemble in London in January."

"The peoples of the British Caribbean have accepted this, and are looking forward to the conference," he added.

While in London recently, Mr Gomes, representing Trinidad, with an estimated population of 720,000 (about one-third of them of East Indian origin) and Mr Norman Manley, Chief Minister of Jamaica, which has an estimated population of 1,350,000, "reached complete accord," in the words of the former, "on the final approach to federation."

Reached Agreement

Before the London conference will be the reports of the three Commissions, which have completed blueprints for the structure of a Federal Judiciary, Federal Finance and a Civil Service.

Early this year, a conference in Trinidad of West Indian federal delegates reached agreement on one of the most controversial aspects of Federation—inter-island migration when the new nation has been created. Prompting this conference was a fear that serious social problems might arise from large-scale migration from the poorer islands to the more prosperous ones.

The conference reached full agreement on a formula for preserving the principle of freedom of movement within the projected Federation.

Sir Edward Beetham, Governor of Trinidad, in his speech at the opening of the new session of the island's Legislative Council, said: "The point of no return in Federation would be reached at the London conference early in the new year."

New Consciousness

"With the dawn of that day," he added, "will dawn a new consciousness of British Caribbean nationhood ever moving forward towards the goal of Dominion status."

"The people of Trinidad feel proud of the great part they have played in bringing to fruition so many of the aspirations of these islands."

Still to be decided is the question of a federal capital, at any rate a temporary one. The claims of Trinidad, Barbados ("Little England") and Grenada, the spice island, have all been advanced. The claims of Trinidad are particularly strong, and it has been suggested that the American naval base at Chaguaramas which has been partly de-activated, might make a suitable site.

In the past, the possibility of hurricanes has entered into discussions about the choice of the Federal capital and it may well be that what the recent hurricane Janet did, or did not do, may influence the decision.

Janet caused considerable damage on Barbados and Grenada but its only effect on Trinidad, most southerly of the British West Indian islands, was high winds and exceptional heavy rain which, ponding over the tin roofs of the houses, made it impossible at times to hear radio programmes.

Trinidad, in fact, is particularly fortunate in escaping hurricanes, though the island

Plan To Wipe Out Illiteracy In China

Paris, Dec. 5.
The Peking radio reported today that there were still 70,000,000 illiterate or semi-illiterate youths in China today.

This figure was contained in a resolution to wipe out illiteracy among youths within the next seven years.

The resolution, approved by the New Democratic Youth League of China, disclosed that there were originally some 100,000,000 illiterate youths, but some 30,000,000 of them have learned to read and write through normal education and spare-time education—France-Press.



US UNION MERGERS DANGEROUS

Existing political parties are expected to grow in size and influence, new parties may be formed, and new figures are likely to emerge in the field of politics, figures such as Dr Eric Williams, recently of the Caribbean Commission, and one of the most brilliant men in the region.

Federation may also provide an opportunity for strengthening the hands of the authorities against communism in the Caribbean. Communist activities in the West Indies are not often the subject of public statements, but Sir Edward Beetham, in his speech from the Throne, went out of his way to declare: "There is evidence that the danger of Communist infiltration is by no means past, and we must ever be on our guard against this insidious enemy."

The Government of Trinidad, in its efforts to rid the country of this menace, will continue to attack communism wherever it may be found.—China Mail Special.

United Europe Move In Switzerland

Berne, Dec. 5.
A committee has been formed here to organise a petition urging Swiss participation in the Council of Europe.

The committee is backed mainly by youth organisations of political parties, including radicals and socialists, and of the Protestant and Catholic Churches.

It suggests that Switzerland should have a special neutral status in the Council of Europe, excluding participation in political and military matters.—China Mail Special.

Biblical Playing Cards

Mainz, Dec. 5.
King Solomon's son, Absalom, is the "Jack of Acorns" in a pack of biblical playing cards on show in the Gutenberg museum of printing here.

The cards were designed by a minister of religion in the second half of the 17th century. The suits are those of the traditional Bavarian cards—acorns, leaves, balls and cudgils.

The "Jack of Acorns" has a note explaining that Absalom, died after being caught in an oak tree.—China Mail Special.

WINNING BET

Christchurch, Dec. 5.
A man walked into the Canterbury Jockey Club's office in Christchurch and handed over £134 paid to him by mistake at the local race course totalisator.

He said he pocketed the money without noticing that he had been paid too much on a winning bet.—China Mail Special.

PRAGUE'S AGED VEHICLES Claimed As Largest Collection In World

Prague, Dec. 5.
Czechoslovakia claims to have the largest collection of ancient bicycles and motorcycles in the world.

The man who built it up, 74-year-old Mr Augustin Vondrich, a former racing cyclist, says that it is still growing.

At present, the collection numbers about 120 "boneshakers," "penny-farthings," tricycles and other machines of the 19th and early 20th centuries, housed in three museums in Prague.

Many were made in Britain, Germany, France and the United States.

The tallest "penny-farthing" in the collection is an "Invincible," made by the Surrey Machine Company of London in the same year, with a front wheel standing 1.48 metres (nearly five feet) high.

A Czech model of the same period carries an early form of bicycle lighting—an oil lamp suspended from the axle of the front wheel.

Another British product is a single-seat tricycle with two wheels in front and one behind, made by the Howe Machine Company of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1884. There are no handlebars and the rider, perched on a crossbar, steered with a hand lever on his right while another on his left operated a brake.

Other early British bicycles on show are a three-seater tandem made at Coventry in 1895 and weighing 37.5 kilograms (nearly three-quarters of a hundredweight), and an 1887 "Quadrant" velocipede from Birmingham with a front wheel set in a four-sided horizontal fork.

The collection includes an American bicycle made of bamboo and metal and weighing 12.5 kilograms (nearly three-quarters of a hundredweight). It was built in 1890.

There is also a French Michaux of 1869, with an iron frame and wooden wheels, and a German machine with a pneumatic tyre, made by Dürkopp and Company of Bielefeld, in 1898.

Among the documents is a record of a visit to this country in 1880 by a British cyclist, Theodore Beck, which Mr Vondrich said gave impetus to the Czech cycle manufacturing industry.

Crowds went to meet Beck when he cycled into Plzen, Bohemia, from Germany. Somebody bought his bicycle and, using it as a model, the Czechs began building bicycles on a big scale.

Mr Vondrich says that his father and uncle were the first cyclists in Bohemia, riding first on wooden-wheeled velocipedes 20 years before the arrival of Beck.

In those days, cyclists had to pass a "driving test" and needed police supervision before they could ride their machines. Even then they were not allowed on the main roads. Among Mr Vondrich's treasures is a red number plate with a police stamp on it, issued to a cycling pioneer of the last century.

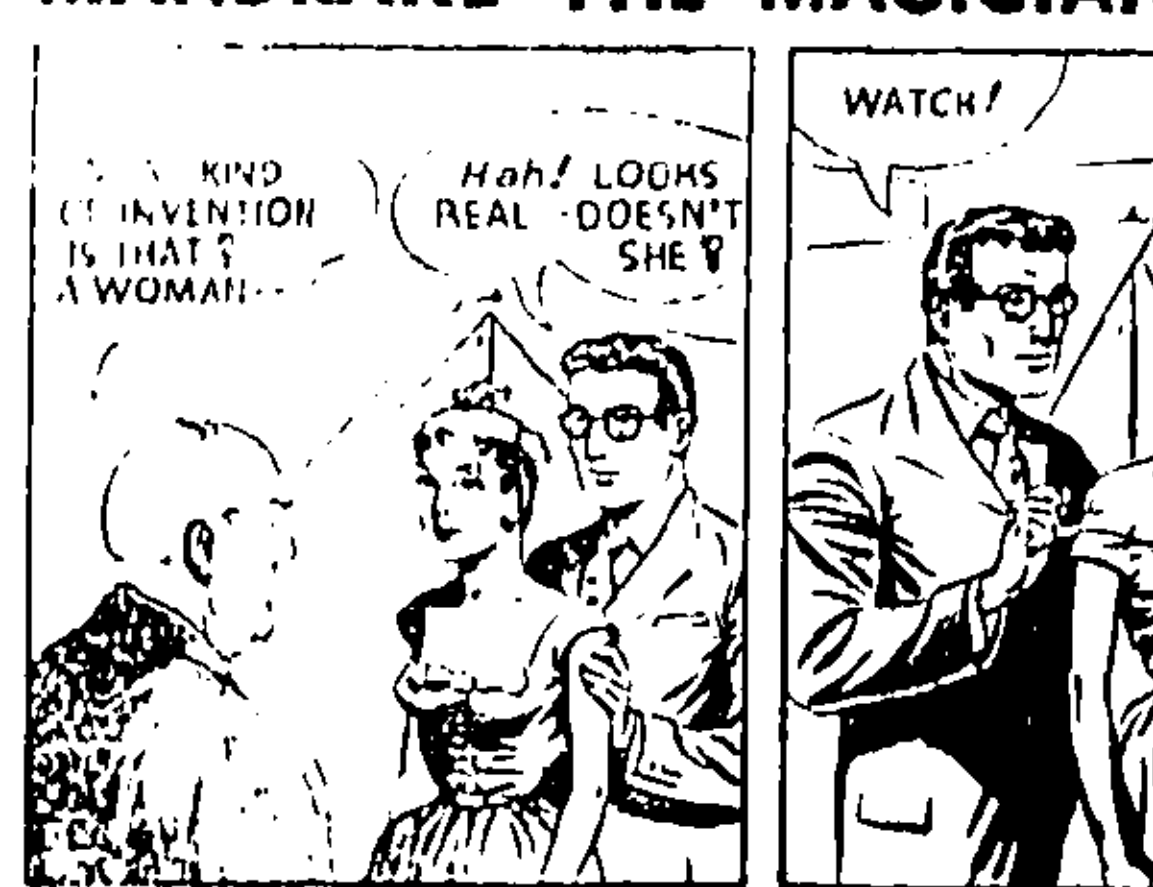
Mr Vondrich rode his first bicycle when he was five and two years later he was balancing on top of a miniature "penny-farthing."

He began his racing career at 16, later turning professional and riding for the British Rudge Whitworth firm among others. In six years, which included competitions in Austria, Bulgaria, Russia, Germany and Poland as well as here, he won 18 championships and collected 140 first prizes.

His racing days over, Mr Vondrich turned to manufacturing bicycles and also published a cycling magazine. He began to buy old bicycles during World War I and has been collecting them ever since and stored, ever since.

Now he has lent the collection to a museum in Prague, he is said, adding: "I thought it was a pity that these old bicycles, which were the first step towards the modern bicycle, should be forgotten."

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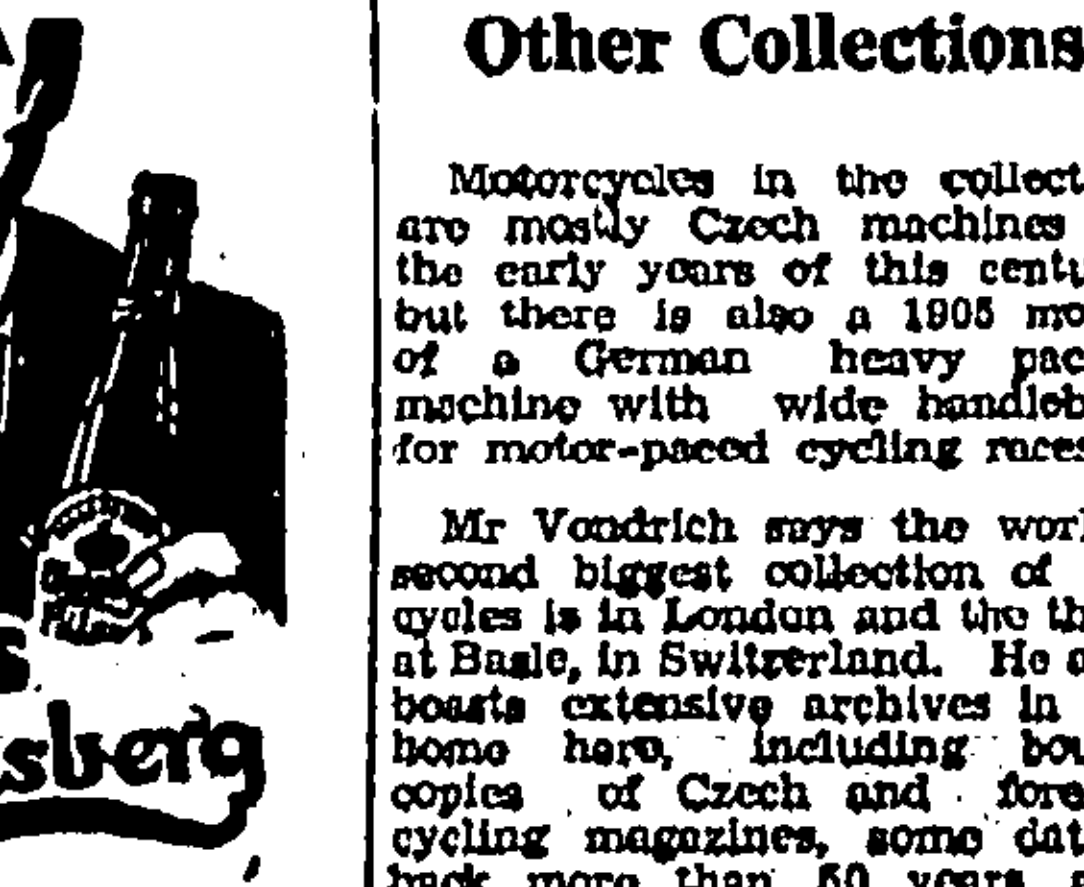
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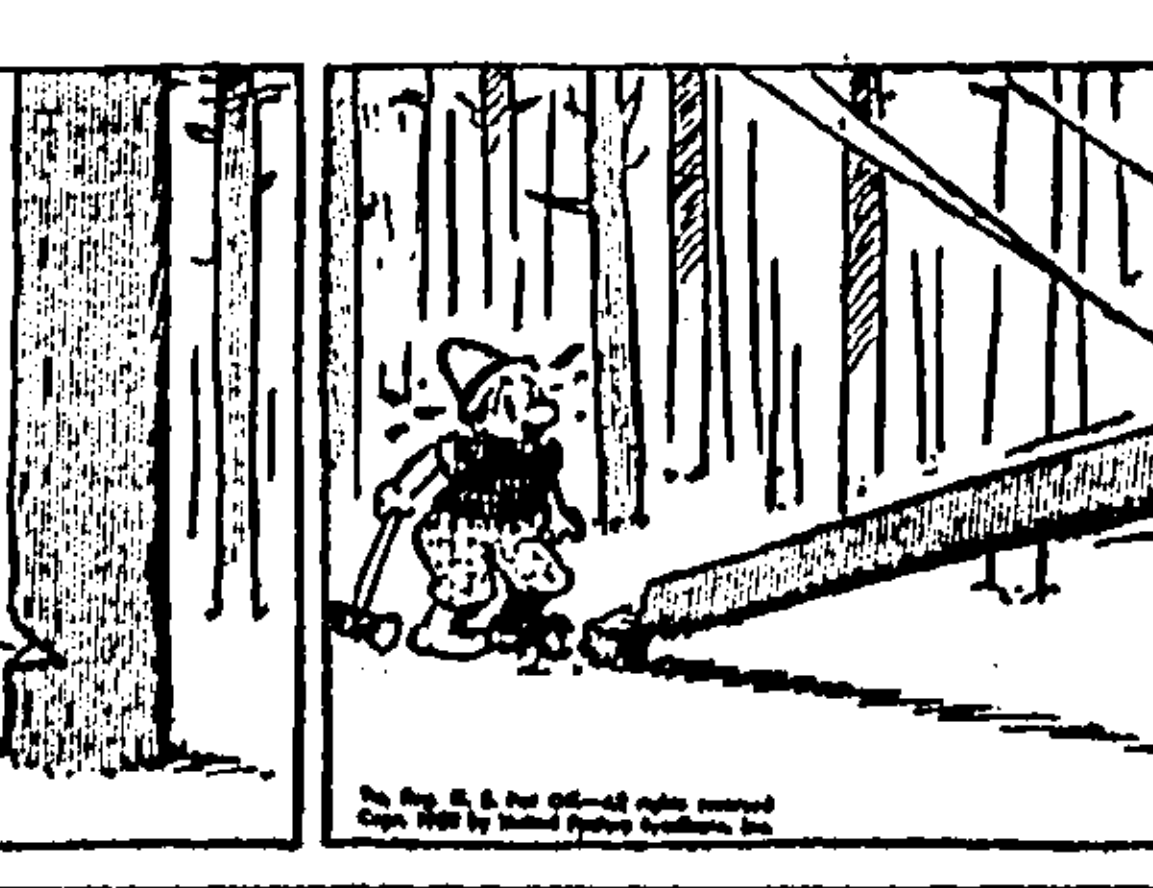
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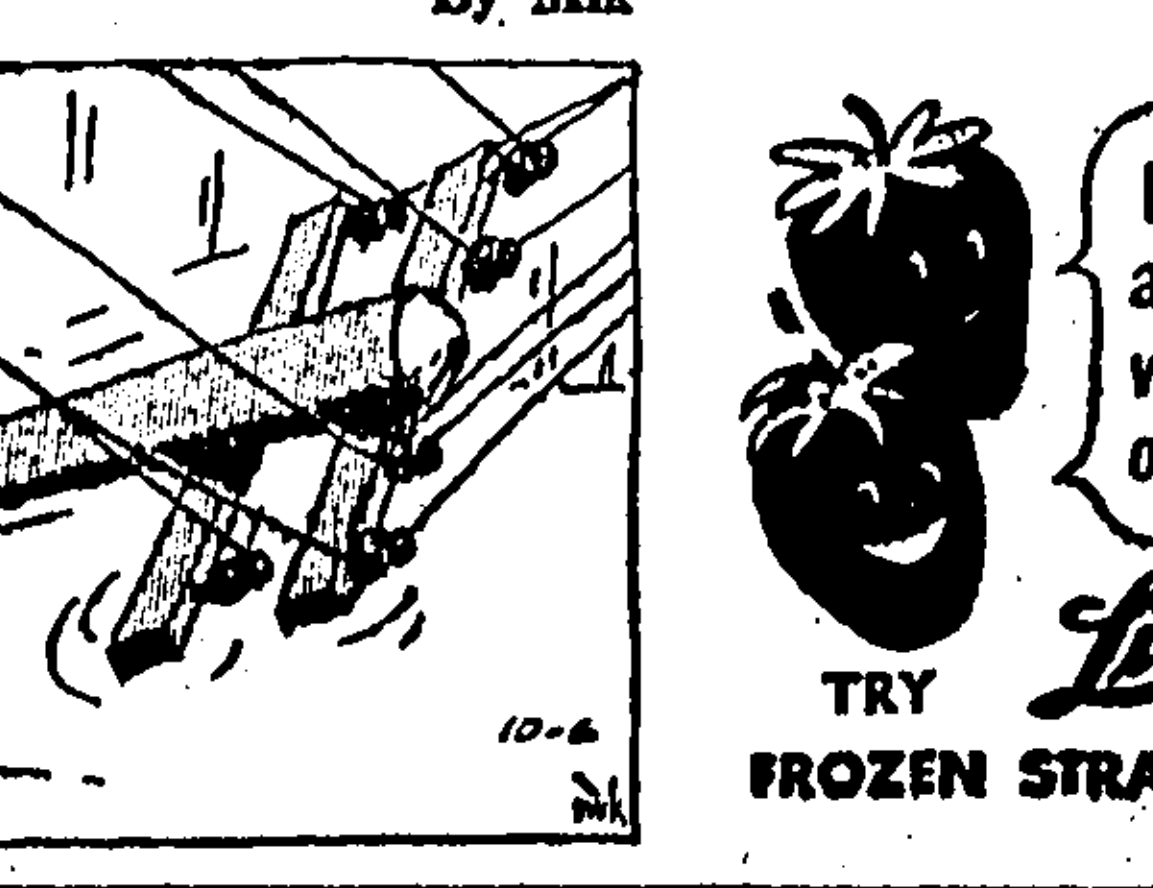
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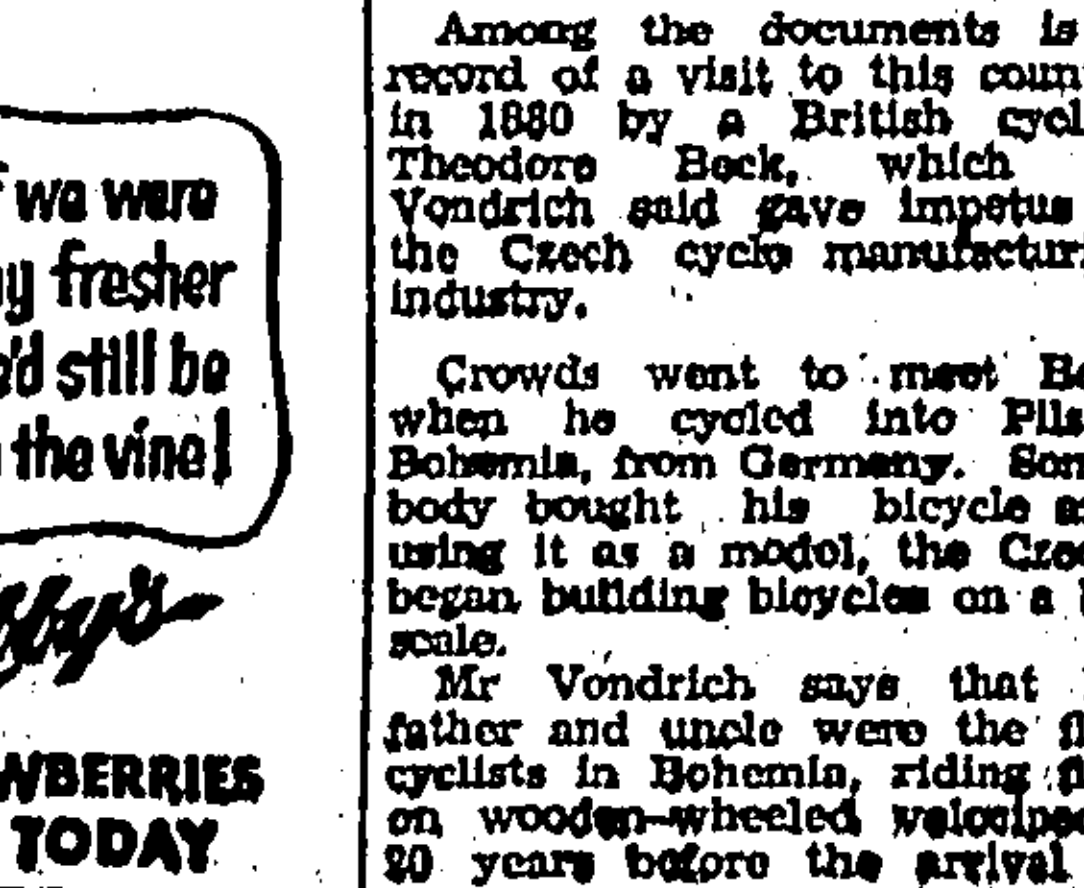
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

LONDON MARKETS HAVE GOOD DAY

Surprise Steel Dividend

London, Dec. 5. Stock markets were in a very good form today with activities widening into sections hitherto not much in the news.

The surprise dividend declared by Colvilles, the big Scotch steel producer, had a great effect, it served to remind people, apparently, that business is very, very good and not merely an illusion created by inflation.

Turnover rose sharply to 12,000 bargains recorded compared with 10,000 bargains a week ago.

Rose Sharply

Colvilles shares rose 3s and most other steel shares gained at least a shilling. Electricity and chain stores shares were strong and active. Countdown gained nine pence on a press comment on its use of the new man-made acrylic fibre. Unilever gained and held a shilling rise.

Only were again a mixed lot. Royal Dutch rose 1/2, drilling and Anglo-Egyptian "B" jumped 3 shillings and 6 pence and the others were mostly calm.

Gold shares were uninteresting.

British Government stocks were firm all day but the news of a new loan being sold by the Liverpool Corporation kept buyers away.—United Press.

Fight Against Inflation

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$450,000, close quoations and the morning's transactions:

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UK GOVERNMENT PLANNING TO TAKE INITIATIVE

From Ronald Boxall

London, Dec. 5.

News leaked out of Whitehall last week that the Government is planning to take the initiative in the fight against inflation. A White Paper outlining the current economic situation and pointing out the dangers of the continuing drift towards inflation is under consideration. But the Government's main line of attack has already been indicated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

So casually that it passed almost unnoticed, Mr R. A. Butler told the House of Commons: "Unless we can buttress and support the taxation system of this country and make it broad and all embracing I do not think that we can carry the burdens which lie before us."

This is the plainest hint that has yet been given that Government is planning to make purchases tax a permanent revenue raiser. The Chancellor's statement attracted surprisingly little attention—perhaps because it was made rather late at night at the end of a tedious debate. By contrast one could imagine the interest that would be aroused if the chairman of an important company had warned the shareholders that the business would go bust unless it could find means of making more money to meet its ever increasing overheads.

Nationally Ignored

Mr Butler told the nation in effect that it couldn't have its cake and eat it too. That is an axiom that is well understood by everyone who has ever tried to balance the family budget or run a small business. But it is ignored on the national level with astonishing consistency.

Purchase tax already plays an important part in the Government's efforts to eradicate inflation. Reading between the lines of Mr Butler's speech one gathers that it has been cast for a different role in Government's future plans. By bringing within its scope virtually everything that the public buys—from motor cars to toothbrushes—Mr Butler has paved the way for its substitution by a general sales tax defined primarily to raise revenue.

Failing a tax of this sort it is difficult to see where the money is to come from to pay for everything that the Government is now expected to provide.

Mr Butler reminded the nation that the burden of social services is growing day by day. There has been an increase in national assistance payments and the cost of health service has risen. There has also been a "distinct rise" in the cost of education.

All these are worthy causes and the nation would not like to see any of them impaired. With them the public has an assurance of social security. But it also demands a security against the threat of external aggression—and that costs money too.

Future Experts Grateful

Mr Butler predicted that the future tax experts and tax writers would be grateful to him for the singularly disagreeable task he has ever undertaken in broadening the scope of purchase tax. He could have added that future chancellors would be grateful too.

Certainly Sir Kingsley Wood could not have foreseen when he introduced it in 1940, its purposes in those days of war was to drain off excess purchasing power and discourage the spending of luxuries. At first its effect was to limit the war effort was small.

In the financial year 1941/42 it raised just under £200 million and it remained at this level for several years. It was not until 1948 that the Government decided to use it as a permanent revenue raiser. It has since then become an important revenue raiser.

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Dec. 5.

Cotton futures today resumed the reactionary trend under way at the end of last week.

In moderately active dealings, prices opened mixed and remained on the defensive for the rest of the day.

Bearish price-shaping factors included: 1. Sharply higher private crop estimates; 2. Increased December liquidation; 3. Dullness in the export market; 4. Uncertainty over what final form new farm legislation will take when Congress convenes in January and what price support levels will be next year.

Day trader covering stenciled prices at the close, but the list still showed net losses of 9 to 27 points at the final gong.

Opening prices were up 1 to 10 points. New Orleans closed off 13 to 28 points. Anticipating the government's final crop estimate of the season on Friday 87 members of the New York Cotton Exchange, in an average guess, put the crop around 15,074,000 bales.

Other Figures

One trade publication estimated 15,255,000 bales. The last government figure was 14,843,000 bales. Favourable weather, limited insect damage, intensive cultivation and heavy fertilisation promised a record breaking yield per acre, the survey said.

Some traders, however, said crop estimates now are largely an anti-climax. They felt the trade is all set for a big crop, and that the bigger the crop will be the amount that goes into the loan.

December liquidation followed the issuance of four delivery notices. Trading in the spot month will end December 13. The certified stock increased another 971 bales, totalling 10,376 bales at today's last posting.

Volumes and open interests were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Dec	21,300	172,400
Mar.	23,200	437,000
May	20,300	222,900
July	18,000	534,600
Oct	46,200	189,100
Dec	11,000	134,700
Mar.	2,000	41,500
May	2,000	10,300
Total	114,500	1,746,400 bal.

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Man Through The Curtain

THE policeman's first sight of Jan was of him sprawled on a Bloomsbury pavement, groaning and groping.

The policeman marched up to offer help, but such other action as might be necessary.

Conclusions half-formed in his mind received support from a taxi-driver, who was sitting in his cab alongside Jan. "Tried to go for me, when he got out," said the driver, thumbing towards Jan, "then he slipped."

ASSAULT?

"D'YOU want to charge him with assault?" the policeman asked.

"Nah," said the driver, and let in his clutch and drove away.

The policeman helped Jan to his feet.

Next morning, Jan, a visitor here from the further side of the Iron Curtain, dumpy, fair-haired man, in his late thirties, pleaded not guilty to a charge of being drunk and incapable.

He listened while the story of his arrest was told to Mr. E. G. Rokeby.

Then Jan went into the witness-box. Then he came out again, jutting at taking the oath, saying, "No, no, I am not British subject."

He spoke from the dock. "I am here from my country," he said, "last night some men came up to me and say in the language of my country: 'You are here to live here instead of in your own country.'"

And he mentioned the name of his homeland.

"Then these men kicked me or both knees, so that I fell, and got my head and banged it on the wall, look."

Jan pulled up his trousers-legs to show red weals on either knee; he thrust back his hair from his forehead to show the marks there.

"Those marks on his knees," the magistrate observed, "do not look so much like the results of kicks as of falling to the pavement."

"The taxi-driver said he did fall," the policeman agreed.

"Yes, I fall when they kick me, I fall so," Jan said, and sagged realistically to his knees in the dock.

AGENT OF FEAR

"WELL, I think that whether you were attacked or not, you were drunk," said the magistrate. "You must pay a fine of 5s."

Wearing a worried look, Jan left the court. It may have been that in the brief his masters gave him before they let him through the barriers guarding the way to the west, there was no order in report or spy upon expatriates here.

It may have been otherwise. Whichever way, he came from a land where fear is the mortar that holds the edifice of state together, and to some, wherever he went, he would be an agent of that fear.

Surprise For Chinese Reds

Osaka, Dec. 6. Chinese Communists running a trade fair here, were surprised at the crowds seeking admission to the dining room. They were surprised when visitors presented coupons purportedly entitling them to "free beer" at the expense of the "Communist Chinese International Trade Promotion Committee."

There was no beer. The coupons had been dropped from an helicopter and three light aircraft chartered to fly over Osaka by anti-Communist groups. The leaflets also said: "Don't be misled by secondhand Russian machines."—Reuter.

Death Of Former War Criminal

Tokyo, Dec. 6. Mr. Jiro Minami, 81-year-old former "A" class war criminal, died yesterday at his home in Kamakura, near Tokyo.

A former general and Minister of War sentenced to life imprisonment in 1947, he was released owing to poor health.—Reuter.

A BUSY PROGRAMME FOR MR MARSHALL

London, Nov. 5. Mr. David Marshall, Chief Minister of Singapore, will begin his talks at the Colonial Office here on full internal self-government for the Crown Colony on Saturday.

Mr. Marshall, now in New Delhi for discussions with Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, is due here on Friday. A British Colonial Office spokesman said today that Mr. Marshall would call at the Colonial Office on Saturday and have further meetings there on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

British officials here have said that Mr. Marshall and Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, Colonial Secretary, will "explore the question of internal self-government." The two ministers will also discuss the agenda for the conference here next April of leaders of all the Singapore parties.

REVIEW OF YEAR

This conference will review the administration of the Colony under the new constitution in the light of the year's experience.

Mr. Marshall's official visit here is expected to last for about a week after which he will stay on privately in Britain for a few days.

A crowded programme of official receptions and other engagements awaits him. The full programme will be announced either on Wednesday or Thursday.

TO MEET EDEN

The Chief Minister is expected to meet Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, and other British ministers, and will also lunch with Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour opposition in the House of Commons.

Mr. Marshall will meet members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and also the Conservative Commonwealth Affairs Committee.

He is also expected to address a meeting of the Malayan League of Friendship.

The Singapore leader will also have private discussions with trade union leaders.

PUBLIC SPEECHES

Mr. Marshall plans to make five public speeches during his visit here to put the Crown Colony's views to the British people. One of them is expected to be broadcast and he is also likely to appear on television.

Towards the end of his official visit and after his talks at the Colonial Office, Mr. Marshall will hold a press conference in London. This is likely to be either on December 18 or 17.

The Chief Minister will be assisted at the negotiations here by two of his Cabinet colleagues, Lim Yew-hock and Inche Abdul Hamid bin Haji Jumat.

Lim Yew-hock, who is Minister of Labour and Welfare, flew here from Singapore on Saturday.

He will call on Sir Walter Monckton, British Labour Minister, on Thursday.—Reuter.

Starchy Foods Blamed

London, Dec. 5. British children's teeth are showing signs of deterioration because too many starchy foods—such as potatoes, sugar and bread—are being eaten in the postwar period. This was stated by Miss Pat Hornby Smith, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health.—China Mail Special.

Pedestrian Robbed

A Chinese male has reported to the Police that whilst he was walking along a footpath at Li Cheng Uk Village, Shamshuipo at 11.30 p.m. last night he was stopped by two men, one of whom was armed with a knife, and robbed of a wristlet watch and cash, to the total value of \$44. The thieves made good their escape. Police enquiries are continuing.

MAN INJURED

An employee of the Wah San Printing and Developing Company, Wong Lam, sustained burns to his face, hands and legs in a fire which broke out at No. 10 San Pan Street in Wan-chai at 1.20 p.m. this morning. The printing company occupied premises on the first floor of the tenement building.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He's the boss' son! He came up through the ranks—worked two weeks in the shipping room!"

CROSS-EXAMINATION IN BIGAMY TRIAL

Chiu Yuet-chung who yesterday said she was married to the accused in the village eight years ago was further cross-examined by Defence Counsel when the trial for bigamy of Him Mon John, 23, student, continued before Judge A. D. Scholes in the Victoria District Court this morning.

The witness stated yesterday that she was the accused's proper "kit fat" wife. She said she was married to him in Toi Shan in 1947.

The charge alleged that on July 16, 1955, in this Colony, the accused married Li Sun-chee, the life of his wife, Chiu Yuet-chung.

Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, prosecuted.

Mr. F. H. B. Wang of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan and Company appeared for the accused.

Continuing his cross-examination of the witness from yesterday, Mr. Wong asked Chiu Yuet-chung how she knew that the accused came to Hongkong to work.

Witness said that accused came to Hongkong a year after their marriage. He had told her before he left that he was coming here to work. She followed him a few months afterwards.

LIVED IN HUT

She said that whilst in Hongkong she lived with the accused in a wooden hut in Shek Kip Mei village. There were four rooms in the hut and they occupied the fourth cubicle. Yuet-chung, a younger brother of the accused, was also staying in the hut.

Counsel suggested to witness that the accused at no time lived in that hut. Chiu said that was not correct; accused did live in the hut.

She did not know what rent they were paying. The accused paid the rent.

Asked to name any physical defect or any visible marks on accused's body witness said she could not. She did not know whether accused's fore-arm had been injured and that as a result there was a lump of muscle there. She did not know of other marks described by Defence Counsel.

Witness agreed that the accused stuttered. Hearing is continuing.

SISTER SHIPS MEET AGAIN

For the second time this year, the sister ships, *Taipei* and *Changlo*, of the Australian-Oriental Line Ltd., are berthed at Kowloon Wharf in one of their rare meetings during a 30-year-old career.

The *Changlo*, arrived here from Japan and the *Taipei* from Australia. The *Changlo* is sailing for Australia tomorrow and the *Taipei* for Japan on Friday.

The 4,254-ton vessels last met here in September.

Five Die In Kowloon Fire

Five persons were killed and 18 injured in the fire which gutted No. 170, Hai Tan Street, Shamshuipo early this morning. Two persons are still reported to be missing.

The dead are: a four-year-old girl, Sung Yuk-kuen; a 44-year-old woman, Au Ying-lam; Cheung Yuen, aged 45, his wife, Lee Wai-mei, aged 42, and his son, Cheung Tai-kuen, aged 19.

The missing are a 17-year-old boy, Lam Shu-chung, and a six-year-old girl, Lam Kwan-yung.

Of the 18 injured, three—a woman, Chan Kwai, aged 57, a year-old baby girl, Lee Ha, and a 17-year-old girl, Chan Ying-tin—were detained in Kowloon Hospital.

The other 15 received minor injuries and were treated at Kowloon Hospital.

A wooden hut was destroyed by fire which broke out in a squatter area in Kowloon Tong Village at 11 o'clock this morning.

Six fire engines were sent to the scene and firemen managed to check the blaze within minutes. There were no casualties.

Missionary On Way To Taipei

Arriving here this morning in the ship *Taipei* from Australia was Dr. Donald A. Nicholls, of Adelaide, who is on his way to Tainan, Formosa, with his wife and two small daughters to do missionary work there.

Dr. Nicholls, who was born in China, is the son of the late Mr. A. C. Nicholls who spent 50 years as a missionary in Yunnan, Province. Dr. Nicholls went to school in Chefoo, Shantung, and obtained his medical degree in Australia.

Dr. Nicholls worked for some time in Formosa, and Malaysia after the war. He is connected with the Christian Mission in Malay Lands. He and his family leave for Keelung by the ship *Sanchon* on Saturday.

Alleged Perjury: No Case To Answer Submission

A submission that the Crown had failed to make out a case against the accused was made by Mr. Y. H. Chan, Defence Counsel, at the close of the Prosecution case against a former Social Welfare Office employee, Lam Hoi-cheung, 36, charged with perjury, before Judge J. Reynolds at Victoria District Court this morning.

Submitting that the accused had no case to answer, Mr. Chan said that the evidence of the principal witness for the Crown, Mary Daisy Wong, was not corroborated by other Prosecution witnesses.

Mr. W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, said that the accused, a former assistant relieving officer, faces eight counts of perjury.

It is alleged in the first, that on November 30, 1954, Lam, as a witness in the trial of Cheung Kam-wah, Chow Cheung-yu, Au Shu-sang, Ng Hau, So Ping-kwong and Mary Daisy Wong (alias Wong Mang-tung), knowingly and falsely swore that he did not know Mary Daisy Wong (sixth accused).

The second count alleged that Lam falsely swore he did not remember ever before having seen Mary Daisy Wong; the third count, that he had not met sixth accused at the house of one Koo Wing-ming in January 1953; the fourth, that he did not know a person named Koo Wing-ming, of Leighton Hill Road; the fifth, that he had never gone to Mary Daisy Wong's flat at 57 Ruton Building, Duddell Street; the sixth, that he had never been in the company of sixth accused; the seventh, that he had not played mahjong in company with her in a bungalow occupied by Koo in Deep Water Bay shortly before Chinese New Year in 1953; the eighth, that two visiting cards on which he had written certain words, "In the afternoon, Miss Wong, Ruton Building, third floor, Duddell Street," were cards he had given to two friends of his from Japan as an introduction to a Miss Wong other than sixth accused.

NOT AVAILABLE

Dealing with the first, second, third, fifth, sixth and seventh charges, Mr. Chan said these charges concerned with the accused's acquaintance with Mary Daisy Wong, who had testified before the Court that she had first been introduced to the accused at the residence of one Koo Wing-ming in Wongnail-chung.

Mr. Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, in his opening had indicated that two witnesses would be called to corroborate Mary Wong's evidence. However, during the trial, these two witnesses were no longer available and instead other witnesses were called.

The first witness called to corroborate Wong's evidence was Ko Wing-ming, who could not say at all if the accused and Wong had been introduced to each other. He could not even say that they were at any time seen together in his house. His wife's evidence was completely negative, and even went on to disprove what Mary Wong had said.

Another witness, Jeanette Chiu, who was supposed to have played mahjong on a number of occasions at Ko's home, testified that she did not even know any lady by the name of Wong, Mr. Chan said.

OFFICIAL'S EVIDENCE

Mr. Chan then referred to the evidence of Mr. C. N. Li, Assistant Director of Social Welfare Office, who had testified that when he reported to the Anti-corruption Branch he was of the opinion that the accused had known Mary Daisy Wong. Mr. Li then said further that at the interview with the accused, the accused had denied knowing the woman.

Mr. Chan also dealt with the evidence of other witnesses, touching this matter.

On all these six charges, he continued, either the Crown had failed to prove the falsity as alleged in each charge or, alternatively, there had been such contradiction by independent witnesses that the accused could not possibly be convicted on such unsatisfactory evidence. In each case there was no corroboration, he added.

CHARGE AMENDED

Referring to the fourth charge which alleged that the accused had falsely testified that he did not know a Ko Wing-ming of Leighton Hill Road, Mr. Chan said that the Prosecution had failed to prove that such a person existed.

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From Our Files 100 Years Ago

A meeting of holders of Marine lots is called for Monday next to consider which of the lots may be taken to mean real-estate. The Government will require very strong and not merely selfish arguments to change their purpose; though their firmness in carrying through any work of general utility, even when unopposed, is not very remarkable.

GAZETTE ITEMS

Last Gazette (No. 21) contains:

1. An offer of \$100 reward for the detection of the murderer of Peter Cameron, a seaman belonging to the late ship *Chesapeake*.

2. The Judgment in the case of the brig *Greta*, condemned as a Prize transport in the service of the enemy.

3. The postponement of the November Criminal Sessions to the 26th December, on account of the continued indisposition of the Honorable the Chief Justice. Last month the cases were tried by a Commission. Why it was then necessary, and can now be dispensed with, is one of the secrets of our local Government.

4. Tenders for repairing and widening the Victoria Road between the Point and Shek-poi-wan—a work very much more to the purpose than the projected high road to Chek-chu.

POWER EXCEEDED

5. Prize Commission of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Hongkong, authorizing him to take cognizance of and condemn any vessel of all such kinds, vessels, and goods as shall belong to the Emperor of All the Russias, or to his subjects, or to any others inhabiting within any of his countries, territories, and dominions, during the present war, have been exercised by the first case brought before the Court.

6. Sailing Directions for the Yang-tz-kiang, by Lieut. Probie, USN, corrected by that gentleman from the copy printed at Shanghai, innocently marked "copy-right."

7. Summary of the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court is again postponed for another month, which amounts to a denial of justice to suitors, if the Government have the means of providing a remedy, which we believe they have. For smaller cause a special Ordinance has been passed; and possibly if Government were to amend the suitors, this might now be done.

A NEW ACT

8. An Act of the law relating to the carriage of passengers by sea, received the royal assent on the day of the prorogation of last session of Parliament. The Act, which contains clauses framed with a view to protect passengers, is one to the effect, that, having regard to the fact that passengers are to be provided with a passage by some other vessel, and maintained in the meantime, the regulation of Chinese Passenger Ships, published by us more than a year ago, and which also received the royal assent, though we understand no copy has yet been received, have been repealed. The provisions are to be carried out or adopted to local circumstances. Such is the practical effect of the new Act, and we do not know that it applies to the colonies; but if not, it is competent for our Legislative Council to amend the provisions for the colonies in one of two ways or damages, that passengers, Chinese as well as English, be maintained until a proper conveyance is found for them, or a vessel of the Government is found to carry them in our passenger ships, or a vessel of the Government is found to carry them in our passenger ships, or a vessel of the Government is found to carry them in our passenger ships.

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By Air
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Thailand, 6 p.m.
Burma, 6 p.m.
India, 6 p.m.
Ceylon, 6 p.m.
Siam, 6 p.m.
Java, 6 p.m.
Sumatra, 6 p.m.
Borneo, 6 p.m.
Sulawesi, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
Hong Kong, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

By Air
Indo-China, 10 a.m.
Thailand, 10 a.m.
Burma, 10 a.m.
India, 10 a.m.
Ceylon, 10 a.m.
Siam, 10 a.m.
Java, 10 a.m.
Sumatra, 10 a.m.
Borneo, 10 a.m.
Sulawesi, 10 a.m.
Macao, 10 a.m.
Hong Kong, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

By Air
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 8 a.m.
Indo-China, 8 a.m.
Thailand, 8 a.m.
Burma, 8 a.m.
India, 8 a.m.
Ceylon, 8 a.m.
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Sumatra, 8 a.m.
Borneo, 8 a.m.
Sulawesi, 8 a.m.
Macao, 8 a.m.
Hong Kong, 8 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

By Air
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Macao, 9.30 a.m.
Thailand, 9.30 a.m.
Burma, 9.30 a.m.
India, 9.30 a.m.
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